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Economic slump takes a bite out of sale of flowers, candles

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The economic crisis is also taking a toll on sellers of flowers and candles during All Saints' Day, even as one shop reported a positive trend.

Island Florals & Gifts manager Philip Canuto said the economic crisis the CNMI is experiencing has not affected the shop's sales during this occasion.

Canuto said they even ran out of candles and that orders for flowers kept coming in, especially fresh ones.

Saipan is predominantly Catholic, so tradition, according to him, might have something to do with the big number of people buying from their shop.

"I can't see any difference

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These two enjoy the cool air while waiting for buyers of beautifully arranged artificial flowers in a stall put up by Jenny Mafnas along Beach Road yesterday.
NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

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A man who declined to be identified digs a small grave for his friend's seven-month-old son, who passed away on All Saints' Day.

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Friday suspended attorney Reynaldo O. Yana from practicing law for improper conduct by bringing adoption cases to Rota to have another judge handle the cases.

"The court cannot and will not tolerate such blatantly improper conduct by an attorney practicing in the Commonwealth Superior Court, as was practiced

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Businessman Ken Jones passes away

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Guam's pioneer businessman Kenneth T. Jones Jr., president of Jones & Guerrero Co. Inc., passed away in his sleep while visiting his home state of North Carolina on the night of Oct. 30.

According to a statement distributed to J&G's group of companies that includes the Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel in Susupe, Ken Jones was the consummate entrepreneur, and his imprint on Guam will be everlasting.

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Voter turnout expected to be highest in decades

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Voter turnout will be the highest in decades, dwarfing recent presidential elections, experts predict. The only question dividing experts is how huge will it be. Will it be the largest

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Loves ones remembered on All Saints' Day

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Hundreds of people turned out at Mt. Carmel Cemetery yesterday to remember loved ones on All Saints' Day.

Flowers, mementos and candles sat on almost all of the gravesites. Tents were pitched to provide shade to people as they sat remembering their loves throughout the day.

All Saints' Day is the one day each year loved ones can be remembered, said Alice Oliva.

"You think about it, we grew up this way," she said. "It's tradition. I don't come here often, so this is a chance to remember them."

KRISTI EATON
Chairs are positioned at the gravesite of Jose Tenorio Villagomez in preparation for All Saints' Day.

Oliva, her husband, Ed, and friends Edith Ranoco and Al Arnaldo, arrived at the cemetery at 10am and planned to stay all day, until the end of the Mass.

The group sat under a tent in front of the Olivas' son's grave. Jesse Tito Muna Bascon was stillborn on Sept. 8, 1986.

Alice said she also planned to visit her parents' and grandparents' gravesites, all within the cemetery.

"Our religion teaches us to respect each other and the ones who have passed on," she said.

Vicky Butris was at the cemetery to pay respects to her parents, husband, nephew and niece. She was also remembering her brother, Juan Celis Cabrera, who passed in September.

"We love our beloved ones and this is only once a year," she said. "We contribute our time and pay respects to them."

During the several hours Butris was at the cemetery, she said she would pray off and on for her family members.

For one man, the day would have new meaning. The man, who declined to be identified, was digging a grave for his seven-month old son who passed away yesterday morning.

Bishop Tomas Camacho led the Mass.

PIC welcomes 10,000th Russian guest

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The Dronov family received a surprise yesterday when their flight from Russia arrived on Saipan.

Upon landing, the family was told they were the 10,000th Russian customers to stay at Pacific Islands Club, a milestone that allows them to receive several gifts and surprises from PIC and local companies, including free use of rental cars, free tours and a trip to Tinian.

Alexander Dronov, through a translator, said the family was pleasantly surprised by the news. Dronov said he felt very welcome at the airport when PIC's Russian market manager Elly Stoilova met the family there. The momentum built as they found out they were going to be taking a stretch Hummer limousine to the hotel. Once at the hotel, they discovered the room filled with flowers and gifts.

"It was 5 in the morning, and the kids were opening gifts," he said.

"It was an explosion of emotion," his wife, Irina, said through a translator.

This is the family's second time on Saipan. They originally came in 2006, after their friends told them about the island. They said they had their doubts the first time around, but it went so smoothly they decided to return.

During their first trip, they went to the top of Mt. Tapochau to view the island and ocean. Alexander said they were amazed by the colors of the lagoon and seeing parts of the Marianas Trench.

The family had never been to the United States, but that was not a major factor in visiting Saipan, Alexander said, although they were curious about American culture and how Americans look.

With PIC and Saipan catering to the Russian market, both Irina and Alexander said they think more Russian tourists will come to the CNMI.

Stoilova said the arrival of the 10,000th Russian guests to PIC is a milestone.

"Ten thousand means we're on the right path," she said. "It is proof it's a lucrative market."

PIC began focusing on the Russian market 12 years ago, in 1996, Stoilova said, but didn't see a large impact because of the country's financial crisis in 1998. Only a few hundred tourists from Russia were staying at PIC the first couple of years, she said. But with an increased focus on the market, including a Russian version of the PIC Web site, a Russian Saipan map and guidebook, the numbers have improved. PIC welcomed three thousand Russian guests in the last year. Russia has now become the second major market for the hotel, behind Korea. Russian guests on average also tend to stay longer, 12 nights as opposed to three nights for Japanese visitors and four nights for Koreans.

But the impending federalization could take a large toll on the Russian market, Stoilova said. Unless Russia is added to the visa waiver program, Stoilova said she personally believes there will be a decrease in Russian tourists.

Obtaining a visa is time consuming and challenging, she said. There are only three U.S. embassies in a country almost twice the size of the United States; so many people would have to fly to the embassy. Also, many of the Russian guests are middle or upper class—celebrities, business owners and government officials—and are not able to plan their trips months in advance, Stoilova said.

KRISTI EATON
Members of the Dronov family stand at the lobby of the Pacific Islands Club. They are the 10,000th Russian guests at the hotel.

Rota High poll: Lizama a favorite to win

A poll recently conducted by American Government students from Rota High School showed that retired judge Juan Lizama is favored by Rota voters.

Eighty-six registered voters were polled on who they would vote for the congressional delegate to the U.S. Congress. The survey, conducted Wednesday, Oct. 29, focused on four highly trafficked locations.

The project affords the students opportunity to gauge public sentiment on Rota had the election been held on Oct. 29. In addition, the students were able to have hands-on experience in conducting a poll, according to Eusebio Hocog, American Government teacher.

As the first-ever election survey conducted in the community by Rota High School students, there were reservations.

"At first, we were hesitant, but as we progressed further into the survey, we became more eager," said Viony Hocog, a senior.

Sixteen students participated in the two-hour survey and found the experience rewarding.

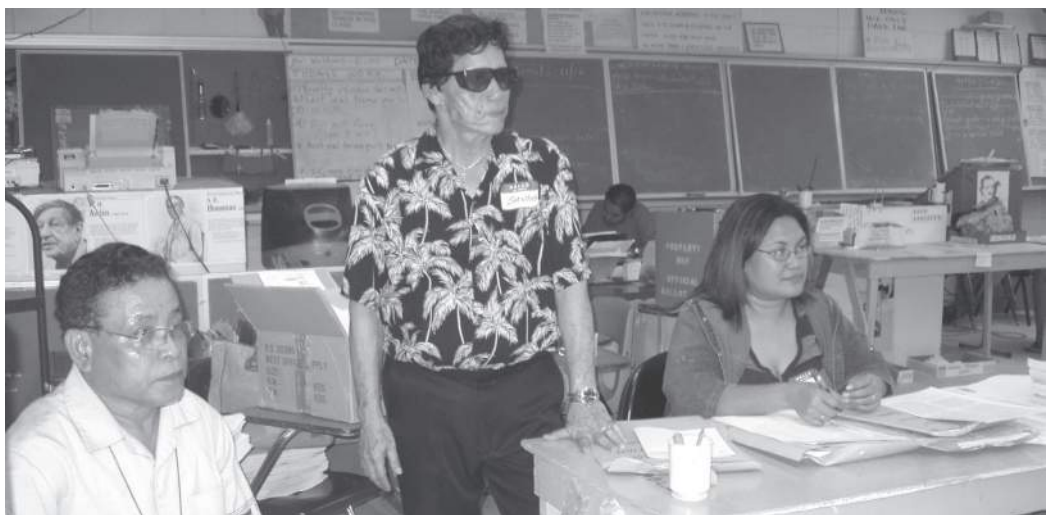
"I believe that this survey we conducted helped us both educationally and socially. We were able to open up to the community and learn how to conduct polls," said Denn Manglona, a junior.

"It was unbelievable that Lizama garnered the highest percentage," said Antonio Barcinas Castro, a senior, when the tally was completed.

"I was surprised that Luis Crisostimo didn't place as high as I expected," said Jayville Manglona, a senior.

The sample size was 6 percent of the 1,365 registered voters.

In the 2005 election, 1,140 voters came out to vote for the Resident Representative to the United States. ***(PR)***



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Palau Election Commission chair Santos Borja, standing, is seen supervising the conduct of elections at one of the polling precincts yesterday at the Marianas High School.

Big turnout seen in Palau polls on Saipan

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The chairman of the Palau Election Commission flew to Saipan to personally supervise the conduct absentee voting among Palauan voters here in the CNMI.

Comelec chair Santos Borja, who came with some of his staff from Palau, said he expects a big turnout of voters during yesterday's election day at Building E of Marianas High School.

Borja estimates that there are about 400 registered voters among the over 1,000 Palauans living in the CNMI.

He said that about 120 have already cast their votes as of 11:30am yesterday—about 30 percent of the total registered voters.

Similar pre-election exercise was done for Palauan absentee voters in Guam and Hawaii yesterday.

The actual election day will be on Tuesday, Nov. 4, in Palau, simultaneous with the U.S. presidential elections.

As early as 6am, supporters of the two tandems vying for the highest and second highest post in Palau were already gathered at the gates and pathways leading to MHS.

Among those who put up a booth was first lady Debbie Remengesau, who is campaigning for outgoing President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., who is seeking a seat in the 13-member Senate.

The first lady said her husband is in Guam to woo voters.

Just a few meters away from the polling place, Vice Presidential candidate Alan Seid camped out with his supporters.

Seid is running under the ticket of presidential hopeful Camsek Elias Chin, who is the current Vice President.

Two nights ago, the tandem of Johnson Toribiong and Kerai Mariur, who are candidates for President and Vice President, held a rally at the Garapan Fishing Base.

There are a total of 43 candidates vying for the Senate.

Palauans will also vote for a total of 23 proposed amendments to the Palau Constitution.

The CNMI Department of Public Safety deployed four police officers to MHS—two at the gate to ensure the safety of those who are entering the premises and two near the polling area.

DPS Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela was seen overseeing the security of the polls.

Sgt. Joe Saures said the election went smoothly.

Election alcohol ban lifted for tourist establishments

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday signed into law a bill exempting major tourist establishments from the alcohol ban during elections.

The new law lifts the prohibition on drinking and selling alcohol on Election Day for the local airports, hotels, hotel resorts, and golf course resorts.

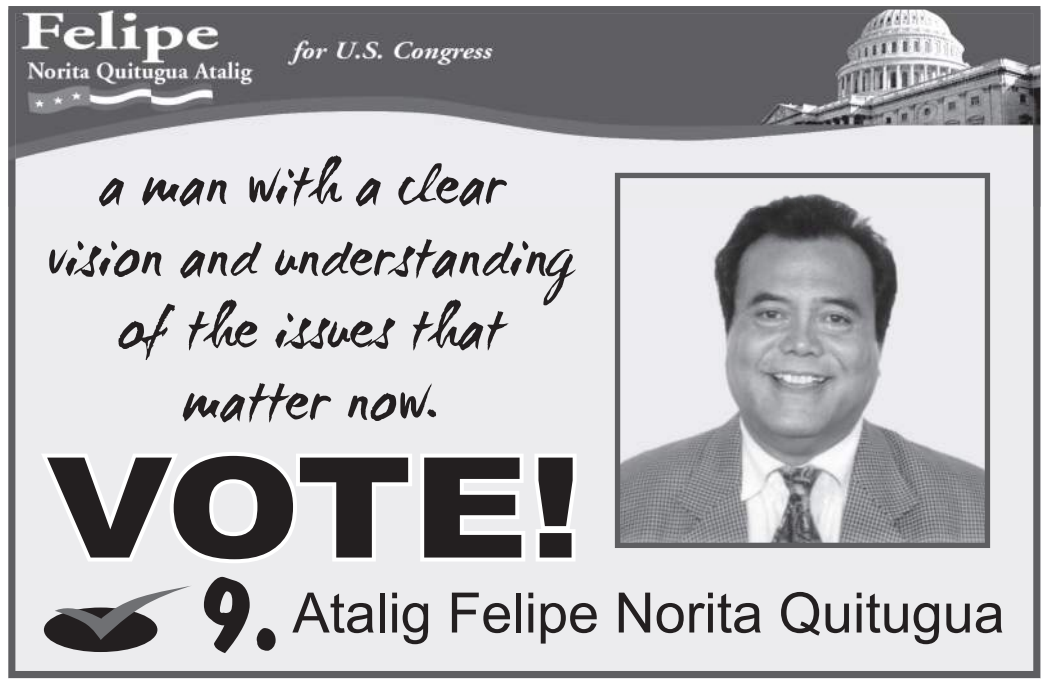
Fitial said the legislation will help the tourism industry by removing an obstacle to the ability of the CNMI visitors to enjoy their vacation. However, he urged lawmakers to further amend the law to also exempt Managaha Island from the alcohol ban.

"In addition to the airports, hotels, hotel resorts, and golf courses, most tourists visit Managaha Island during their stay in Saipan. [A visit] to Managaha Island normally is an entire day's event, which includes enjoying island cuisine, and, at times, alcoholic beverage in addition to the various marines sports and our beaches. …Exempting Managaha Island from the prohibition will not hamper the election activities of our citizens," Fitial said.

Election law requires an alcohol ban to be in effect from 7am to 7pm—while polling places are open—on the day of an election. Anyone caught selling or buying liquor could be fined up to $1,000 or sent to jail for up to 100 days in prison, or both.

The Legislature, in the amending legislation, notes that the purpose of the alcohol ban is to prevent conflicts from escalating between party camps during elections. However, it argues that tourists visiting the Commonwealth during an election should not be restricted from buying alcoholic beverage, as they are not involved with local political affairs.

The new law, sponsored by Rep. Rosemond Santos, also says the ban deprives the tourism industry of much needed revenue. "This is an industry that the CNMI has been largely dependent on for its economic growth for the past 30 years. Thus, our tourists' visit within the CNMI should not be hampered in any way," states the legislation.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Wiseman says Yana violated ethics, proper conduct

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by Mr. Yana. A message must be sent to the legal community and to the public that such conduct will be punished," said Wiseman in the order.

Wiseman said the 30-day suspension would commence Friday.

The judge directed Yana to send a notice to any and all of his clients informing them of his suspension and provide such notice and a list of recipients to the court within 30 days from yesterday.

He required Yana to take a course within six months from yesterday on Model Rules of Professional Conduct or the Professional Ethics required of attorneys engaged in the practice of law.

Wiseman ordered the lawyer to pay disciplinary counsel Thomas E. Clifford's attorney fees and costs in prosecuting the matter.

According to court records, the Superior Court appointed attorney Clifford to prosecute the attorney discipline complaint against Yana.

Yana did not respond to the complaint. Clifford asked the court that the charges be deemed admitted since Yana did not respond.

The NMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee investigated the matter and determined that Yana had violated a number of Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja assigned the case to Wiseman in February 2008.

In his order, Wiseman said the charges deemed admitted by Yana constitute violations of sections of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Under MRPC 3.3(a), Wiseman pointed out, a lawyer has a duty of candor toward the court, and this includes disclosure of all material facts where the nondisclosure of such facts is inherently misleading and deceptive.

The judge also cited five other sections of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Wiseman said the rules were violated by Yana's actions, which began when the lawyer moved to disqualify Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo from hearing 11 adoption cases.

Wiseman said Yana later withdrew his motion on one case, and so his motion, and this complaint relate to the remaining 10 cases.

Naraja denied the motion in his July 17, 2006 order to disqualify Govendo.

Yana and his client did not appeal the denial order to the Supreme Court.

Wiseman said that on Jan. 31, 2007, Yana filed a notice of hearing purporting to set the 10 cases for hearing on Rota before then Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama.

Wiseman said Yana telephoned Judge Lizama's clerk and inquired whether Lizama was going to hear cases on Rota on Feb. 2, 2007.

The clerk confirmed that Lizama would indeed hear cases on Rota on that date.

Wiseman said Yana never informed the clerk that he had purported to notice the 10 adoption cases for hearing on Rota.

The judge said that during this conversation Yana never informed the clerk that he had previously moved to disqualify Govendo from hearing the 10 cases and that Naraja had denied the motion.

Wiseman said that, on Feb. 2, 2007, on Rota, Judge Lizama called the 10 adoption cases for a hearing. Lizama granted six of the cases and continued the other four cases to March 2, 2007.

When Naraja learned that the 10 adoption cases had been noticed for hearing on Rota, the presiding judge ordered that the remaining adoption cases be taken off calendar and rescheduled to the Saipan Family Court Docket calendar before Judge Govendo.

Wiseman said Yana subsequently purported to withdraw the four remaining adoption cases.

But Yana, according to Wiseman, re-filed the court cases on the Rota docket with new numbers indicating the cases were Rota cases.

Wiseman said Yana also filed two new adoption cases as Rota cases even though the parties to the case were residing on Saipan at the time.

The judge said Yana admitted to these facts during the course of the Disciplinary Committee's investigation.

Wiseman said Yana also admitted that he did not inform Lizama of the denial order.

Wiseman said it was not a legally permissible or ethical option for Yana to ignore the denial order, wait six months for the issue to become less visible, and then notice the cases for hearing two days later on another island and before another judge.

Wiseman said these all happened without ever disclosing to any of the Superior Court personnel involved in the matter that Yana was doing this because, despite the denial order, judge Govendo was "legally unavailable" to hear the cases.

The judge said Yana's failure to disclose the circumstances regarding the noticing of the cases for Rota was deceptive and misleading, and a violation of MRPC provisions.

"Mr. Yana's actions constitute an effort, as he admits, to circumvent the effect of the denial order," Wiseman said, adding that such lawyer's effort was designed to disrupt the conduct of the Superior Court.

Yana and attorney Antonio Atalig have been incarcerated since March 2005, 2008 due to the contempt-of-court charges issued by Govendo in connection with the Malite probate. Govendo also suspended the two lawyers from practicing law in the Superior Court.

Last Aug. 15, Govendo allowed Yana and Atalig to leave the Department of Corrections for a few days each week to prepare a detailed account of their work with the Malite estate probate.

The CNMI Supreme Court recently vacated the two attorneys' suspensions from practicing law because the trial court did not follow the rules and procedures governing attorney discipline.

The two lawyers were still reporting to DOC, *Saipan Tribune* learned Friday.

Ken Jones passes away in North Carolina

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"He has left his institution, Jones & Guerrero Co. Inc, to carry forward his plans and visions for the future, said the statement, a copy which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday through Aquarius general manager William Hunter.

Hunter remembers Jones for being a great person.

"I am blessed to have personally known a great man like Mr. Ken Jones during my lifetime. He has impacted our islands in so many positive ways and will always be remembered. Our prayers are with him and his entire family, " Hunter said.

"We all extend our prayers, love and sympathies to Elain, Ramona and Donna, and to Vivian, Linda and Ronnie who have lost not only their father but also their mother this week, and all members of the extended Jones and Cruz families. As immeasurable as our loss is, their loss is unfathomable," said J&G in its statement.

Memorial services will be held in Guam in the following weeks but there is no definite date yet for his burial.

Jones' company included restaurants, construction firms, hotels, auto companies and shipping in Guam and on Saipan.

Ken Jones is the older brother of Bob Jones, who owns Triple J and other businesses on Saipan.

Ken Jones also bred and raced thoroughbred horses in Australia and Kentucky where he owns Domino Stud Farm in Lexington.

Burial will take place in North Carolina alongside his parents, Christiana and Kenneth T. Jones Sr. and his brother Watson.

According to the *Pacific Daily News*, Jones' life in Guam as a businessman was the stuff of legends. News reports say he got started when he exchanged spare parts with Segundo Leon Guerrero, then head of the Navy-controlled government of Guam transportation division. That commercial partnership later evolved into Jones & Guerrero Enterprises.

Although Jones was transferred from Guam less than a year after being assigned there, he continued to work with Leon Guerrero by mailing 11-lb boxes of jewelry and plastic belts to Guerrero, who then sold the items from his Sinajana porch.

Since Guam was just beginning to recover from the war, there were few places for locals to spend their money.

Kenneth Jones found a need and filled it.

Pacific Daily News noted that after J&G Enterprises, Jones moved to bigger deals and countless real estate transactions, including opening Town House department store; J&G supermarkets, which became Pay-Less; the opening of Modular Homes; the purchase of Micronesian Brokers; and the construction of what is now the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, the Cliff Hotel and Saipan's Royal Taga.

PDN said Kenneth Jones also donated millions in charitable contributions that benefited Guam in his six decades as a businessman there.

Decline in sales of flowers, candles for All Saints' Day

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compared to previous years. It has nothing to do with the economic crisis but the people's strong religious ties," said Canuto.

"There's no effect really," he added.

But for other sellers, such as Dollar Days, there is a big decline in sales compared to last year's.

Florist Dominic Jacob observed that their orders have gone down in both their Garapan and Susupe shops.

Usually, he said, most of their arranged flowers, both fresh and artificial, are sold out even before Nov. 1, unlike this year when they have some excess.

Jenny Mafnas, who puts up a stall along Beach Road on a yearly basis, also saw a decline in buyers compared to previous years.

Maria Castro and her children, who visited their relatives' grave at the cemetery in Chalan Kanoa, came with homegrown flowers they arranged themselves.

"We usually do this. Sometimes we also buy because it's part of the tradition to offer flowers, especially fresh ones, to our loved ones who have died. This is a way of showing respect to them," she said.

Flower arranger Edgar Diaz of Blossoms Floral in Gualo Rai said a number of their regular customers did not come back because most now go to stores, which sell plastic flowers at a lower price.

He said they even lowered their prices from $75 to $65 a basket but their sales have really gone down.

Paradise Florist, which is located along Middle Road in Garapan, also felt the brunt of the economic downtrend.

Robert Barcelo, who has been arranging flowers for the shop for the past 10 years, said most of their regular customers did not show up this time.

He observed that their customers prefer items with the lowest price compared to previous years.

The shop's lowest price is $25; less 30 percent, they charge $17 per item now.

Usually, he said, even their most expensive items, costing $120, could easily be sold out.

AP

Early voters line up to cast their ballots at the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) headquarters in Norwalk, Calif. on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008.

Highest voter turnout expected on Nov. 4

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since 1968, largest since 1960 or even, as one expert predicts, the largest in a century? Soaring early voting levels hint at a big turnout, but that could just be the same voters casting ballots earlier instead of more voters hitting the polls. Weather should generally be favorable, according to forecasts.

What early voting numbers mean and how much of the youth and Hispanic votes turn out are the big factors political scientists look at when trying to predict how many eligible Americans will vote.

Michael McDonald of George Mason University is so optimistic he's predicting the highest level in a century.

"We're going to definitely beat the turnout rate in 2004, the question is by how much," McDonald said. "We have a chance to beat the 1960 turnout rate."

"It's not just an election of a generation, it's an election of generations with an 's'," McDonald said Friday.

He's not alone. The dean of voting turnout predictions, Curtis Gans, director of the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate at American University, this week amped up his turnout forecast. Initially he said it would be around 2004 levels, but now he is looking at a turnout that would be the highest since 1960.

"It's driven by 90 percent of the American people thinking the country is on the wrong track," Gans said Friday. "The only question is how many Republicans are not going to show up."

MIT political scientist Adam Berinsky predicted the highest levels since 1968, which he said is still quite impressive given that the polls show this election is not that close and fewer people tend to vote when the race isn't tight.

The McCain campaign released a strategy memo earlier this week, saying "turnout is going to go through the roof," and predicted that more than 130 million people would vote. And Obama campaign manager David Plouffe on Friday said, "we think turnout is going to be higher than that" but wouldn't give a number. Four years ago, 122.3 million people voted for president.

Calculating turnout rates isn't uniform. McDonald bases his turnout calculations on eligible voters, not just those over 18 and he subtracts felons and foreigners and others. Other people have different calculations for eligible voters; some experts just use the percent of the voting age population, regardless of eligibility.

McDonald predicts 64 percent of the eligible voters will cast ballots. That's more than 2004's 60.1 percent and a hair above 1960's post World War II high of 63.8 percent. The high for the 20th Century, using McDonald's calculations, was 65.7 percent in 1908 when William Howard Taft defeated William Jennings Bryan.

Matson reduces its fuel surcharge by 2 points

By KRISTEN CONSILLIO
HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

Matson Navigation Co. is lowering its fuel surcharge for the fourth consecutive time in six weeks for shipments to Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia effective today, Nov.2, citing an ongoing decline in fuel prices.

Hawaii's largest ocean carrier will reduce the fee by 2 percentage points from 28.5 percent to 26.5 percent—the lowest since August 2007. The reduction also applies to its Hawaii service, which will go down from 27 percent to 25 percent.

"Following an extended period in which oil costs hit historical record highs, it is encouraging to see this downward trend continue to be reflected in the prices the company is now paying for bunker fuel," Dave Hoppes, senior vice president of ocean services, said in a statement.

Matson is passing the decrease to customers before the 30-day rate adjustment notification period so they can "realize the benefits of this reduction during this difficult economic environment."

For most customers, the new rates will reflect a decrease in shipping costs ranging from $45 to $75 each container.

Matson's most recent fuel surcharge adjustment on Oct. 19 for its Hawaii, Guam/Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia service routes was a drop of 6 percentage points—the largest percentage-point decrease in the company's history.

Including the latest adjustment, Matson will have lowered its fuel surcharge by 17.25 percentage points since September 20. The company on Sept. 21 implemented its first fuel-surcharge decrease after nine straight increases since Jan. 28, 2007.

Representatives of Charlotte, N.C.-based rival Horizon Lines Inc., which typically matches Matson's rate adjustments, didn't return calls for comment yesterday. Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines LLC, whose fuel surcharge is at 24.5 percent, also is considering reducing the fee, according to General Manager Reggie Maldonado.

MATSON'S 2008 FUEL SURCHARGES

■ Nov. 2:	25.0 percent
■ Oct. 19:	27.0 percent
■ Oct. 12:	33.0 percent
■ Sept. 21:	37.50 percent
■ Aug. 31:	42.25 percent
■ July 13:	38.25 percent
■ April 6:	33.75 percent
■ Feb. 4:	31.5 percent

Source: *Matson Navigation Co.*

TANK BEACH CLEANUP CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Volunteers for the Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade pose behind the large bags of marine debris that they collected during a cleanup held at Tank Beach yesterday, Nov. 1. The cleanup was participated in by HJHS My Wave Club, FILCOWA, Laolao Golf Resort, United Construction Corp., Sanki, and other community organizations.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KHS Monday schedule

To parents and guardians of Kagman High School students: On Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, Kagman High School will dismiss students at 1pm. Please pick up your son/daughter and or be aware that the school is half-day only. For more information, call us at 237-3840 or 237-3832. Fax 664-3788. ***(PR)***

Veterans Week proclamation signing

On Nov. 11, 2008, Veteran's Day, the CNMI will give thanks to those who have served in the armed forces, salute those who are still in service; and honor the men and women who left America's shores but did not live to be thanked as veterans.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will be signing the Veterans Week Proclamation at the Governor's Conference Room on Nov. 5, 2008 at 10am.

On Nov. 11, 2008, we will be celebrating Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park, Court of Honor at 11am. Keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Tom, Chief of Staff for US Pacific Command Hawaii.

All veterans, active and reserve military members, their families, family members of those departed veterans, the local Marine scouts and the public are invited to join the celebration. ***(PR)***

MHS calendar of activities

Nov. 4	No classes (Citizenship Day)
Nov. 10	1st Quarter Final Exams
Nov. 11	No Classes (Veterans Day)
Nov. 13	1st Quarter Ends
Nov. 19	1. Open House/ Report Card Distribution: 4pm-6pm. Pick up Report Cards from Homeroom Teacher (Students will be released at 1pm) 2. MHS Community Council (PTA Meeting) *Agenda: Election of SY 2008-2009 Officers 5pm at Cafeteria 3. Parent Literacy Night
Nov. 26-28	No classes (Thanksgiving break)

ACT information session

The Association of Commonwealth Teachers will be hosting a public information session on their recent research project on the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements in the No Child Left Behind Act, as they pertain to the CNMI. ACT will also share their recent recommendations to the Board of Education regarding proposed amendments to the current PSS plan for Highly Qualified Teachers. All teachers and interested members of the community are welcome to join us. The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7pm in the San Vicente Elementary cafeteria. A brief general membership meeting will follow. ***(PR)***

Marriage Encounter weekend set

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on Nov. 14-16, 2008 at the Saipan Grand Hotel. To join, contact John and Vicky Mafnas at 285-8454, e-mail vbmafnas@yahoo.com. All Encountered Couples and Priests are invited to share their gifts, talents and time in the planning and hosting of this Weekend. The next Planning meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7pm at the residence of Charles and Cathy Cepeda in Fina Sisu. Bring a potluck dish. ***(PR)***

Strategies for adding value to local foods in Pacific nations

In the midst of global economic crises and escalating food prices, Pacific leaders are meeting in Parramatta, Australia next week to recommend strategies for Pacific Island consumers to get the most nutritional value for their food dollars.

The three-day meeting commences on Nov. 5, 2008, and is being hosted by the Global Health Institute, which is located in the Sydney West Area Health Services Parramatta campus.

The meeting is sponsored by AusAID and other collaborating partners include the World Health Organization Regional Office for the PACIFIC; U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office; FAO, Secretariat for the Pacific Community and the Flour Fortification Initiative.

Poor nutrition damages people's health, vitality, learning ability and productivity. Economic woes exacerbate the situation if people from the Pacific Islands eliminate the more expensive proteins, fruits, and vegetables from their diets in order to save money, said Professor Glen Maberly, Director, Global Health Institute.

Professor Steven Boyages, SWAHS chief executive, said, "This meeting will bring together leaders from all over the Pacific to look at strategies to improve the health impact of imported and processed food in the Pacific region."

Foods lacking in essential vitamins and minerals add to the burden of disabilities such as childhood blindness, impaired intellectual development and birth defects, while high levels of salt, harmful fats and energy dense foods can result in obesity, hypertension, diabetes, heart attacks and strokes, he added.

Some of the topics to be discussed in the program include:

■ enriching cooking oil with vitamin A;

■ fortifying flour and rice with iron, zinc, and B vitamins, including folic acid;

■ reducing the salt and harmful fat content of processed foods; and

■ developing standards for best practices.

The invitation-only meeting is expected to bring together 100 leaders from every sector involved in food distribution, from government and health entities, which regulate food content to food manufacturers and traders. Participants will discuss locally produced food as well as imported food in the Pacific region and the health impact this has on the Pacific consumers.

The results of the November meeting will become recommendations to the Pacific Islands Food Summit meeting scheduled for next year. For more information on the Meeting, log on to: http://www.sph.emory.edu/wheatflour/sydney08/.

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EDUCATION MONTH CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial poses with education officials and teachers after signing the proclamation declaring November as Education Month at the governor's conference room on Capital Hill on Oct. 31, 2008.

Opinion

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Intervention

Call it "a bailout in every pot": Having poured money into storied Wall Street institutions and major banks, the federal government is considering more aid for homeowners who are defaulting on their mortgages, along with billions in loans to help two U.S. automakers merge their troubled operations. There's also talk of another stimulus package of $150 billion or more.

The ever-expanding roster of rescues is a testament to how stubborn the problems in the U.S. economy are. Providing $30 billion to save Bear Stearns Cos. from default in March didn't prevent Lehman Bros. from going under six months later. Offering a bigger credit line to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in July didn't avert a complete government takeover in September. And so it has gone, on down the list of interventions.

Lost amid the scattershot responses is the rationale for government's deepening role in the economy: a breakdown in the financial markets. The hands-off approach to enforcing bank and lending rules, combined with an overly long period of ultra-low interest rates, created the perverse incentives that swelled property values and propelled risk-taking. When those values started to fall, the results were just as irrational in reverse. Market forces couldn't sort out the mess without causing even more widespread damage to the economy. But Washington didn't know how to fix things either.

So here we are, looking at another series of moves that might work. Or not. The most promising is an initiative promoted by FDIC Chairwoman Sheila Bair to stave off more foreclosures by offering federal guarantees to lenders that refinance defaulting mortgages. Similar plans have been approved by Congress (in a measure to increase oversight of Fannie and Freddie) and by several state attorneys general (to settle lawsuits on behalf of Countrywide mortgage holders). The FDIC is taking such steps already on the troubled mortgages held by IndyMac Bank, which the feds seized in July. Through this program, the FDIC has saved about two-thirds of the defaulting borrowers from foreclosure by temporarily cutting interest rates and monthly payments to a standard level of affordability (38 percent of the borrower's monthly income).

The idea of helping homeowners in financial trouble isn't a popular one, to put it mildly. But it gets at the heart of the crisis in the financial markets, which is closely related to the problems in the larger economy. According to a new study by researchers at USC and UCLA, the slide in home values is likely to constrict spending by consumers significantly, making it harder for the economy to rebound. Such aid also is consistent with the principle of intervening when the market can't help itself. Despite the banking industry's voluntary efforts to help borrowers, statistics compiled by the industry show that the number of loan modifications only recently has caught up to the number of borrowers starting the foreclosure process. And in the last three months, the number of prime loans—issued to less-risky borrowers—going into default has surpassed the number of subprime ones going bad. Those are two good reasons to keep intervening.

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A rolling stone gathers no knowledge

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Special to the Los Angeles Times

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While others worry that Americans are getting dumber, I'm excited about a future in which I am one of the smartest people in the country. These columns will win Nobel Prizes in economics, literature and fields not yet invented, like kickassedness and noyoudidntity. I will be asked to run an Ivy League university solely based on my insights: Avoid land wars in the Middle East; buy stocks when the Dow drops 40 percent; do not floss with licorice.

Some worry that contemporary Americans are too stupid to vote because they can't find the countries that we're at war with on maps, even if those maps are just of Iraq and Afghanistan. Despite such arguments—laid out in books such as Susan Jacoby's "The Age of American Unreason" and movies such as "Idiocracy" and "Wall-E"—I don't think we're intellectually lazier than our ancestors. In fact, I suspect that writers who rant about blossoming stupidity in the U.S. are actually insecure about their own intelligence. So when I heard about Adam Winer's new book, "How Dumb Are You?: The Great American Stupidity Quiz," I asked him to devise a test for me to challenge one of them to a smart-off.

Winer administered a 50-question quiz to Jacoby and then me. I finished in 15 minutes, pretty sure I crushed it. The only thing I blanked on was the team name of the bad guys in World War I. Apparently Germany and Italy hadn't yet hired the marketing genius who came up with the friendly sounding "Axis." By World War III, those guys would have been calling themselves Iron Maiden.

Jacoby got two wrong. She didn't know how many degrees were in a triangle or which month has Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Which proved I was more capable of helping a middle school math student and more likely to do it if he were black.

I was pretty excited about my presumed victory until Winer called to say I lost big. "Don't you cover politics? Don't you cover current events?" he asked. "You didn't know what language they speak in Iraq. You thought water boils at 120 degrees. That means you think sweat should be boiling off your head on a hot day." It did not make me feel better that 71 percent of people also don't know when water boils. I really wish Jimmy Carter had pushed harder on that metric thing.

According to Winer, I got 11 wrong. Although I dispute most of those. If asked to name a Charlie Chaplin comedy, I think "The Little Dictator" is close enough to "The Great Dictator" and a good deal funnier. And while the third line of "The Star Spangled Banner" isn't quite "Who brought stripes and bright stars through the perilous night," at least my version, unlike the real one, makes sense and has a verb in it.

I called to congratulate Jacoby, but she was a sore winner and dismissed the quiz as stupid. Apparently once you start dismissing things as stupid, it's hard to stop.

"This test is a product of the digital culture," she said. "I feel even more strongly now than when I wrote this book that the digital culture confuses information with knowledge." She thought asking pi to the second digit past the decimal point was irrelevant, even though she got that question right. What is pi, I asked? "I forget. It starts with 3. But the important thing is that pi is the relationship of the diameter versus the radius of the circle." Because that number is actually 2, not pi, I asked if she meant the area of a circle, which she agreed to. My editor says we're both wrong.

I do think fact-based tests like Winer's can be revealing. Sarah Palin's failure to define the Bush doctrine exposed her lack of interest in foreign policy, just as my inability to date the dinosaurs shows I got all of my information about paleontology from Hanna-Barbera. And yes, it might help if we all had maps and timelines as screen savers. Partly because those pictures of tropical islands make me so sad.

But I still don't buy that Americans are getting dumber. As we know from "Harry Potter," young people are reading more: Since 2002, juvenile book sales have grown 4.6 percent. And even video games and Facebook trump watching TV as far as brain activity. They're certainly more stimulating than whatever our grandfather's grandfather spent his boyhood doing—farming and getting beaten. So what if people no longer know state capitals and water boilin'? The age of a finite set of information to master is long over. Instead, we know how to problem-solve and filter information better than our grandparents ever did. And that makes us better voters. If you don't believe me, just watch them try to navigate a voting machine.

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Polls should be on the mark. I think.

By JON COHEN
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January, you may recall, was a rough month for the pollsters. All the polls showed Sen. Barack Obama poised to follow up his big win in the Iowa caucuses with a knockout blow to Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the New Hampshire primary. But he lost, sending the 13 firms that did public pre-election polls there scrambling for explanations.

Could polling be similarly embarrassed this month, misjudging the final chapter of this epic presidential election? Thoughts of the Granite State jolt me and my fellow pollsters awake in the dead of night during these final days.

Sen. John McCain certainly says that the polls are misleading, arguing that most surveys have "consistently shown me much further behind than we actually are," as he put it last Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." Of course, blaming the polls is standard operating practice for trailing candidates, their partisans and contrarians everywhere. And of course, we won't make the same mistakes that led George Gallup to declare that Thomas Dewey had Harry Truman beat in 1948: We won't use outdated sampling techniques, and we won't assume that the race is over and stop polling. Nor is our polling window as absurdly small as the four nights between Iowa and New Hampshire. Even so, could McCain be onto something? In the latest *Washington Post*-ABC News tracking poll of likely voters, Obama has a nine-point lead, larger than Dewey's five-point margin in the late October Gallup poll in 1948. Other reputable national polls this year show similar or even larger Obama leads. But could we still make big mistakes? Can the polls be trusted?

As the polling director of *The Washington Post*, I get that question just about every day, even in less intense periods than now. Some question the scientific basis of polling, refusing to believe that interviews with hundreds or thousands of randomly selected respondents could accurately represent the opinions of many millions. Others see basic bias (refreshingly, these accusations come from all sides) or point out new wrinkles, such as the growing number of adults in the United States who have only cellular phones that pollsters mostly don't call. Added to the mix this year is a lingering skepticism about the accuracy of polling contests between white and black candidates—doubts that persist despite decades of data suggesting that these polls perform no worse than others—and heightened concerns about the way we define "likely voters."

I don't consider any of these fatal or even very serious problems, but that doesn't mean I'm immune to pollster's paranoia. We could all be wrong—at least theoretically.

Simply put, we may be wrong about who is likely to vote on Tuesday. One of the trickiest parts of political polling is determining which of the people interviewed in pre-election surveys will really vote. It's relatively easy for us to identify such sharply delineated groups as the population of all adults living in the United States or even all registered voters, but the pool of actual voters is a group that exists at a single point in time, on Election Day (plus those casting ballots early and by mail).

Even a few days away from an election, that group remains an unknown population. Not everyone who says that they will vote will actually do so, in part because when asked about their intentions, people want to sound like good citizens. So pollsters develop models to whittle down their samples to account for people's tendency to overstate these things.

These "likely voter models" vary widely from pollster to pollster. This year, the Gallup Organization is publishing two models. Its "traditional" model factors in respondents' reports of whether they voted in previous elections to determine who is a "likely" voter. But Gallup's new, "expanded" model drops this requirement, putting more young and minority voters into the "likely voter" category.

In Washington Post-ABC polling, we ask a series of questions about whether and how people plan to vote, whether they have voted before and basic knowledge about the voting process. We then feed all this information into a range of models, corresponding to different levels of turnout. We report a single model, but only after assessing the quality and impact of all of them. Likely voter modeling is a craft, bolstered by science.

I'm also often asked about the rising use of cellphones. The number of people ditching their home telephones has spiked in recent years, with the highest percentages among young adults and nonwhites. Does this affect the polls? Probably not—or at least not yet. The exclusion of cellphone users appears to have a no more than minimal effect on the results. But even if these voters turn out to have been systematically underrepresented in this year's polls, that would actually mean that Obama had an even larger lead, because these voters overwhelmingly back him over McCain. And both the Gallup and *Washington Post*-ABC tracking polls interview complementary samples of voters who have only cellphones to make sure that we're not missing something. (Few state polls include cellphone interviews.)

Others who doubt this year's polls raise the question of a "Bradley effect." This syndrome gets its name from the bid by Tom Bradley, then the African American mayor of Los Angeles, to become governor of California in 1982. He headed into Election Day with a big seven-point lead in the last publicly released poll, only to lose narrowly. Some attributed this startling result to a quiet form of racism that revealed itself only in the voting booth, and the 1982 case has been trotted out ever since to cast doubt on the accuracy of pre-election polls in contests between white and black candidates.

But there is good reason to doubt that racism was the cause of Bradley's defeat, and decades of polling in other campaigns with black candidates should mute some of the skepticism. No "Bradley effect" has shown up for years, and a new analysis by one Harvard University researcher, Daniel Hopkins, shows that any such effect that existed in African American politicians' contests in the late 1980s and early 1990s has now disappeared.

There is also the possibility of a pre-election "bandwagon effect." Post-election surveys frequently overstate support for the winner, and with 70 percent of respondents in a recent Gallup poll saying that Obama is headed for victory on Tuesday, perhaps voters are beginning to overstate the likelihood that they'll vote for him. (There's no precedent for something like this happening, but hey, it's been a weird year.)

I worry more about a basic concern: whether we are getting a truly random sample of opinion. Pollsters bank on the fundamental notion that the people who answer our calls are similar to those who don't, and we have reams of data justifying those assumptions. But what if the people who pause to take a pollster's question are importantly different from those who don't?

After all, fewer and fewer people have been taking our calls over the years. The Pew Research Center, which has done extensive research into declining survey-response rates, has found that poorer, less educated whites—who tend to hold somewhat less positive views toward African Americans—are also harder to get on the phone than those who have higher incomes and more formal education. My fellow pollsters and I give this a pretty academic name, "differential nonresponse," but it's a live, practical concern.

Despite my list of worries, a few things remain clear to me: Not all polls are created equal. We've been bombarded with polls that fell far short of the methodological rigor required for a good survey. If you mix in bad polls with the good ones, as happens all over the Web, you just may get dodgy results.

I also remind myself that humility is built into my field's DNA. The mathematics of the "random sample" on which all polling is based says that five times out of 100, we will be badly off the mark. Call it the pollster's law of averages.

But these seem to be topics for another day. The polls appear to be in general agreement that Obama is ahead; the only question is by how much. And this time, the pollsters' findings are being reinforced by the work of two other groups of campaign obsessives: the political scientists who use predictive models drawn from past election results to predict the next one, and the reporters out there knocking on doors and interviewing voters.

Of course, if the trustworthy polls continue showing Obama ahead and McCain wins, it would be a monumental failure for political scientists, reporters and pollsters alike—an indictment worse than New Hampshire, worse even than 1948. I think the quality pollsters have done a good, professional job this year. I don't think we'll get bitten. Even so, I'll be a little worried until it's all over. I'm not sure what kind of night I'll have on Tuesday. But I'm sure I'm going to have a nervous one on Monday.

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Secondhand Sarah

By DIANE ALTERS
SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Politics is having a fashion moment. We shouldn't be surprised: After all, two women who dress in two very different traditions have been in the spotlight running for posts no woman has ever held.

Hillary Clinton's pantsuits are in the tradition of John Molloy, the image consultant who in the 1970s sought to shift women into business suits that shouted power. In "Women's Dress for Success," Molloy advised ambitious women to wear well-made, man-tailored clothes so their words and ideas could be taken seriously in the corporate world. Clinton adds bright colors and other flourishes to the Molloy prescription, but she remains in the image-of-power tradition.

Sarah Palin—or at least the version dressed by the Republican National Committee for a large portion of $150,000—has dressed in the tradition of Edith Head, the costume designer who won eight Oscars during a long Hollywood career. Head loved well-fitted feminine suits with skirts and, in her 1959 memoir, she advised women to wear such outfits or a dress with a jacket when they set out to do something important and public, like shopping. These were suits for looking nice, not for being taken seriously in the workplace.

In remaking the Alaska governor as the Republican vice presidential candidate, the operatives who clothed Palin channeled Head. That is one reason—along with the jaw-dropping expense—that her clothes drew so much anger: They recalled an era when few women had political power. Think of the well-dressed females in TV's "Mad Men."

In fumbling interviews, Palin hasn't conveyed mastery of some key political issues and her apparent lack of substance has been accentuated by her clothing. Clinton, whose clothing choices have been brutally analyzed over a life in politics, has finally achieved a sort of balance with her power-and-color pantsuits. Her style, while still criticized, doesn't clash with her mastery of policy. The joke on "Saturday Night Live" was never how Clinton looked but that she had too much substance—she'd actually bore us, in detail, about health care. For Palin, the joke has been less sympathetic and much more reliant on looks: Tina Fey in Palin-like clothes and high heels, repeating her disjointed sentences.

So it was refreshing when Palin drew on neither Molloy nor Head at a rally in Florida after Politico.com disclosed the RNC shopping spree last week.

"I'm back to wearing my own clothes from my favorite consignment shop in Anchorage, Alaska," she said as she grasped a lapel of her long, pink jacket.

The store, Out of the Closet, resells such used, high-end brands as Prada and Gucci at a fraction of their original price. The look isn't strikingly different from the pricey RNC version—the Edith Head spirit still reigns—but a major-ticket vice presidential candidate who admits to wearing clothing bought secondhand is taking a significant step away from establishment fashion.

Palin's consignment-store clothes represent an American tradition that has blossomed in recent years as increasing numbers of women shop secondhand. The National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops, founded in 1984, estimates that the secondhand business is growing at a healthy rate of 5 percent a year, to more than 25,000 thrift, consignment and resale stores in 2008, even as some traditional department stores—like the ones frequented by shoppers in the 1950s—have folded or consolidated as they struggled to attract customers.

As we enter what may be a long and deep recession, when ever-fewer numbers of women will have the money or desire to buy new, high-end clothing, Palin's thrift-store style is far more Everywoman than the new clothes purchased by the RNC. It's surely too late to dispel her 1950s costume image, but a secondhand Sarah Palin may have finally found a script and look that work together.

Alters, a former editor at The Denver Post*, is writing a book on secondhand clothes.*

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.
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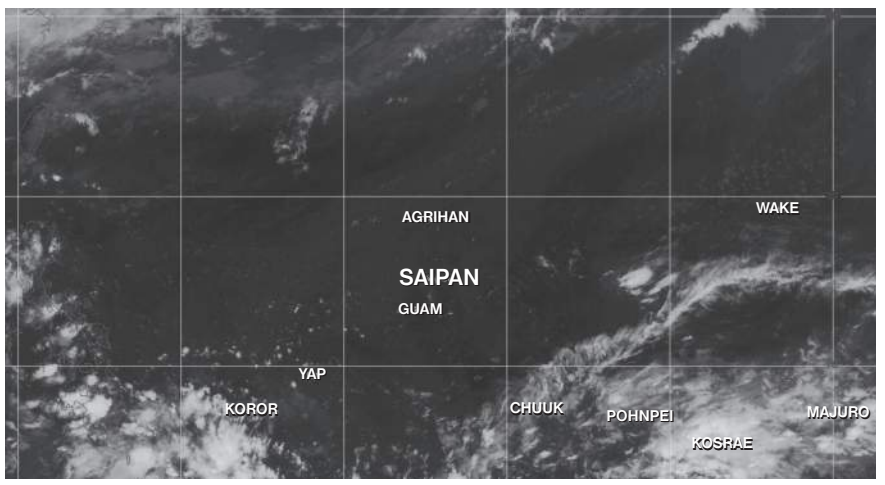
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲86	▼72
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲85	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼53
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲70	▼52
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼72
London	Cloudy	▲52	▼41
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲72	▼56
Manila	Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲73	▼52
Miami	Showers	▲82	▼70
New York	Sunny	▲52	▼42
Osaka	Partly Sunny	▲69	▼52
Paris	Rain	▲56	▼46
Pusan	Sunny	▲64	▼48
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼54
Salem	Rain	▲58	▼45
San Francisco	Showers	▲64	▼54
Seoul	Sunny	▲54	▼46
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲69	▼55
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲55	▼44

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 7N130E to 5N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms can be found south of the Trough axis within an area bounded by a line from 7N130E to 5N130E to EQ134E to EQ137E to 7N133E back to 7N130E. A surface trough extends northwestward from EQ157E to 8N151E. Trade-wind convergence near and to the east of the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and parts of the Marshall Islands within an area bounded by a line from 9N149E to EQ146E to EQ149E to 4N150E to 6N176E to 9N176E back to 9N149E. Another surface trough extends northeastward from 2N180 to 8N178W. This feature is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 3N and 8N from 177E to beyond 180. An upper-level trough stretches northeastward from 7N137E through an upper-level low pressure centered near 16N155E to end at another upper-level low pressure centered near 25N178E. Extensive cloud-cover can be found within 75 miles of a line running northeastward from 11N159E to 15N180 and scattered showers and thunderstorms are occurring within an area bounded by a line from 25N180 to 18N175E to 20N180 back to 25N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:58AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:18AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:39PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:53PM Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13AM	5:48 PM
Monday	6:14AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:14AM	5:47 PM
Wednesday	6:15AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:15AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:37AM	8:56PM
Monday	10:27AM	9:48PM
Tuesday	11:13AM	10:40PM
Wednesday	11:57AM	11:32PM
Thursday	12:37PM	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008

DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:30am	Daily
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily
NW 075	4:55pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	6:55pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,5

Saipan-Shanghai

FM 844	3:15am	5:55am	2,6

Rota-Guam

CO 9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1,7

Guam-Manila

CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3,5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	3:25am	4:00am	5,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9598	2:30am	4:00am	5,6 via Rota
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily
NW 100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	4,7

Shanghai-Saipan

FM 843	7:50pm	2:15am+1	1,5

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	2:30am	3:00am	5,6

Manila-Guam

CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3,5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; PR: Philippine Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CA: Air China; NW: Northwest; JO: Japan Airlines; OZ: Asiana; MU: China Eastern ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
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Monday-Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm

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Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

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Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am
Monday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday: 6am and 6pm

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Saturday Mass: 6pm
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Sunday: 6am, 9am and 6pm
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Sunday: 7:30am

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Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
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Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services: Sunday, 10am and 7:30pm
Bible Study: Tuesday-Friday, 9:25pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Worship/Study Opportunities
Adult Sunday School: 9am
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English Worship Service Sunday: 10am
Sunday Service: 5:30pm
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Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Vicarage, Chalan Laulau,
Call 235-0545 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Worship Service: 9am
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: Monday-Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
Home Cell Bible Study: Wednesday-Friday: 7pm
Youth Service: Friday: 5:30pm

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
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9:00 AM
Place of the church-next to Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Chalan Kanoa Dr. • Tel: 322-6158
Pastor JJ Matsumoto

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Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
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9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
English Service: 9-11am, Sunday
Tagalog Service: 6-8pm, Sunday

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 8:20am
Sunday Adult: 10am
Sunday Adult: 11:30am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service 10am Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 (Child care will be provided)
Friday Services @ 7pm Fina Sisu FS#1 for more info pls. contact Ryan 484-2620

Saipan Bible Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30-10am
Divine Worship: 10am-11:30am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 6pm
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 7pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church
(Formerly Saipan Baptist Church)
Afetna St., San Antonio

Sunday		
	9am	Sunday school
	10am	Regular worship
	6pm	worship
Wednesday		
	7pm	worship

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Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
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Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
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Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries

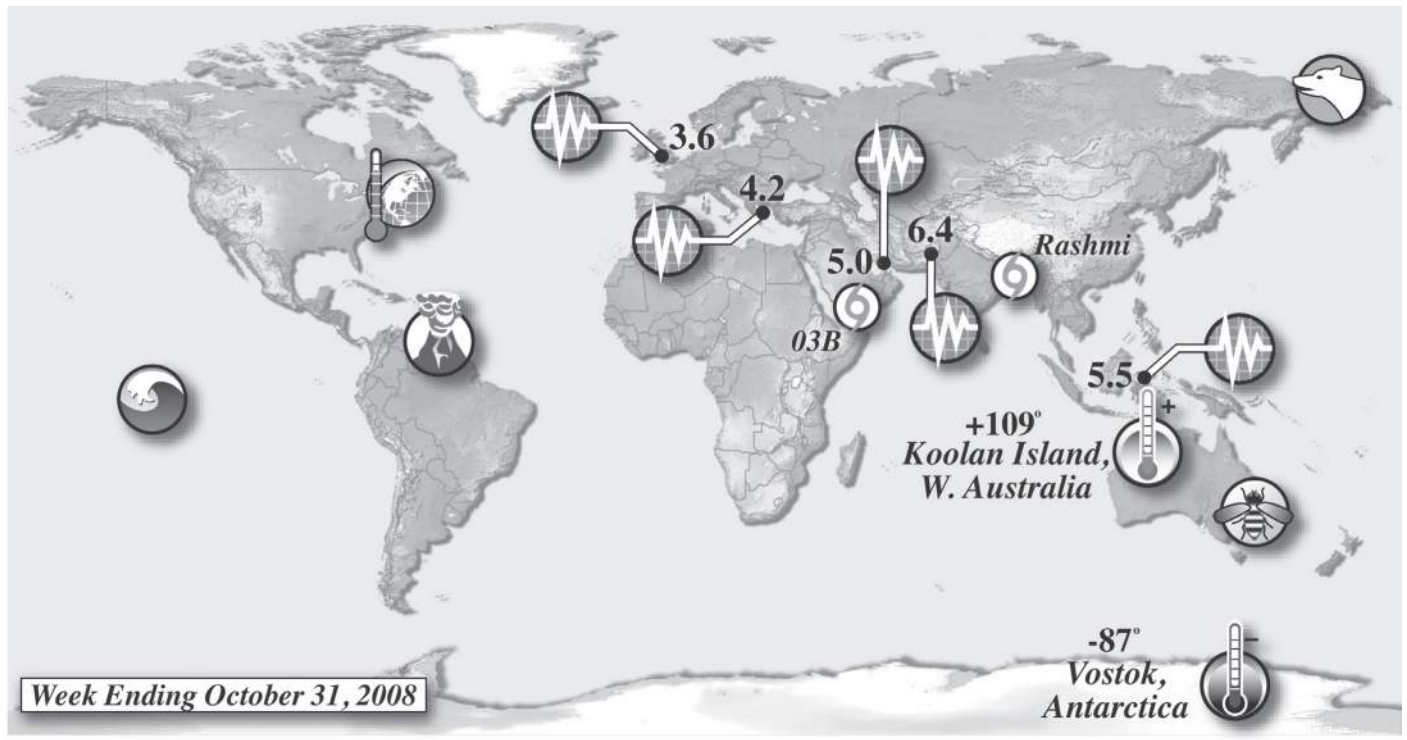
Sunday	5:30am-6:30am	
Morning prayer		
	7am-9am	English service
	7am-9am	Sunday school
	10am-12noon	English service, Koblerville
Wednesday	7pm-9pm	Prayer meeting
Saturday	7pm-9pm	Tagalog service

Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By STEVE NEWMAN



Greenhouse Surge

Methane, a potent greenhouse gas linked to global warming, has begun to increase again after nearly a decade in which its atmospheric concentration was relatively stable. The sudden jump was detected almost simultaneously at all measurement stations around the world. Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) say that before methane began increasing, it appeared that manmade and natural sources of the gas were in balance with the atmosphere's ability to neutralize it with a compound known as hydroxyl free radical (OH). The team says the recent rise observed in the Northern Hemisphere may be due to very warm conditions in Siberia during 2007, which increased bacterial emissions from tundra and wetlands. The MIT researchers say they were unable to determine what caused the increase south of the equator. The amount of methane in the atmosphere has more than doubled since before the Industrial Revolution, accounting for about one-fifth of the human contribution to greenhouse gas-driven global warming.

Polar Bear Threat

Melting ice and increased poaching are causing polar bears to die out in the remote Siberian region of Chukotka, according to an expert with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IWAF). The shrinking Arctic ice sheet is forcing more bears to live on land over the summer, where they have more encounters with humans as they scavenge for new food sources. IWAF also warns that about 100 polar bears are being killed in Russia each year, despite their protected status, to meet the demand for increasingly popular polar bear furs.

Higher Tide

A new U.N. report warns that few of the world's coastal cities will be spared by the rising sea level caused by global warming over the next several decades. State of the World's Cities 2008/9: Harmonious Cities, published by the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT), points out that many metropolitan areas are located along the coast or adjacent to rivers that will be affected by the rising oceans. As cities become swamped by higher tides, UN-HABITAT warns that millions of jobs will be lost as large portions of the population abandon their homes in forced migrations on an unprecedented scale.

Trinidad Mud Eruption

Shocked villagers in southwestern Trinidad were jolted from their homes by rumblings from a new mud volcano, which suddenly emerged in a nearby oil field. Trinidad's Newsday reports that mud spewed several feet into the air, sending about 100 residents fleeing their homes. Eyewitnesses in the Santa Flora neighborhood say they later discovered a flat piece of grassy land on which they had walked and played the day before had been transformed into two craters spewing mud and gas.

Tropical Cyclones

Moderate Tropical Storm Rashmi roared into Bangladesh from the Bay of Bengal, killing at least 15 people and injuring 200 others. The storm inundated hundreds of villages.

■ A rare Gulf of Aden tropical cyclone brought devastating flooding to the desert nation of Yemen on Oct. 23, killing at least 100 people and displacing 20,000 others in the south of the country.

Earthquakes

A massive earthquake centered in western Pakistan killed at least 230 people when it destroyed mud huts and other buildings before dawn on Oct. 29. Wrecked buildings left an estimated 15,000 people homeless at the onset of winter in Baluchistan, a remote province on the border with Afthanistan.

■ The strongest of four sharp earthquakes that struck southern Iran's Hormozgan province within a 24-hour period injured eight people and damaged several buildings.

■ Earth movements were also felt in Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, central Greece and the English Midlands.

A Bee in Math

Australian and Swedish researchers say they have discovered that bees have the ability to count, but only up to the number four. The Australian Broadcasting Corp. reports Professor Mandyam Srinivasan of Queensland University and colleague Marie Dacke trained the honeybees to count by placing sugar water just past a number of regularly spaced yellow stripes inside a narrow tunnel. The bees quickly learned to which marker they needed to fly in order to find the food. "After training, the bees were individually tested by removing the food reward, and observing their searching behavior in the tunnel to determine which landmark they had associated most strongly with the reward during the training," Srinivasan said. The researchers say they are puzzled as to why the bees can't seem to grasp the concept beyond the fourth marker.

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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Long overdue library book returned to Okla. school

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—A library book checked out from a Tulsa high school in 1947 has been returned - with a $250 check to cover overdue fees. Holland Hall School librarian Betty Niver says the book "New Word Analysis: Or School Etymology of English Derivative Words" was mailed to the school by Martha McCabe Jarrett. Jarrett, of Venice, Fla., was Martha McCabe, a sophomore, when she signed out the book 61 years ago at what was then Holland Hall School for Girls. She recently found it while cleaning out her other home in Rome, Ohio. "It was just there, with the things I enjoy and my kids don't," she said Friday. In a note sent with the book, she included the check to pay any fines. But she wasn't sure how she wound up with the book. "I don't know if it was something the library was getting rid of, or my Latin teacher had given me, or if I just kept it," she said. "I sent it back just because I value the education I got at that school," she said. School officials said they were not sure what they will do with the $250 because there is no specific overdue book fund. It might be put toward student scholarships.

Boy shocked after man powers up campaign sign

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—Shawn Turschak of Chapel Hill was tired of someone stealing McCain-Palin campaign signs from his yard. Turschak, with a degree in electrical engineering, hooked up a third sign to a power source for an electric pet fence Monday and also put up a surveillance camera. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported that a 9-year-old boy with an Obama-Biden sign grabbed the McCain-Palin sign and got a jolt on Tuesday. The boy's father, Andrew Noble, upset that his son had been shocked, showed up at Turschak's door. Soon an Orange County sheriff's deputy also showed up at the Turschak's home. Noble said his son just wanted to see how the sign was put together. Turschak said the boy intended to swap out the signs. Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass said he doesn't plan to file charges.

Good Housekeeping

Designers delight in stretching furniture's uses

By ROBIN STANSBURY
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Janice Perkins bought a bedroom dresser more than a decade ago, but it never made it into her bedroom.

Instead, the versatile dresser has been useful for Perkins in three places in three houses. Once it held a television set; another time it served as an entry table coupled with a mirror.

And, although it was built to hold clothes, its three wide drawers now comfortably store Perkins' table linens, napkins, candlesticks and napkin rings in an area near her dining room.

"It's just a nice piece of furniture. It comes with me wherever I move. I always seem to find a place for it," says Perkins, who recently moved herself and her bedroom dresser into a new condominium in Farmington, Conn. "It's a classic piece. It will stay around forever." Even if it never makes it into the bedroom.

Furniture can get a second life, serving an entirely new function. Experts call this "repurposing" furniture, and designers say they use this trick often, to add surprise and uniqueness to a room.

Amateur decorators, though, have a harder time and are less likely to make use of furniture in this way, afraid of breaking an unspoken design rule or unable to remove the name of the furniture from its purpose.

But just because it's called a dining room hutch doesn't mean it needs to reside in a dining room. The same is true for sofa tables, which don't need to be near a sofa. And as Perkins proves, bedroom dressers don't need to be in the bedroom.

"Most of us already have furniture, so it's wonderful to use it in a new application," says Kirsten Floyd, owner of Kirsten Floyd Interior Design in Hartford, Conn. "And a dresser is one of the best examples, because it is one of the most universal pieces of furniture and one of the most reusable." Floyd says she has used dressers in entryways with a tray on top to gather keys and mail, and drawers to capture hats, gloves, scarfs and mittens. She also has repurposed them in a workroom to store art supplies, and in a kitchen for pots and pans.

"A small dresser with drawers can be used just about anywhere," Floyd says.

If you still have trouble picturing a dresser anywhere but in the bedroom—or a desk other than in an office, or a dining room chair matched with something other than its table—then try transforming the piece, designers say.

Adding a granite or butcher-block top can make a dresser feel more like it belongs in the kitchen. Changing knobs and hinges helps furniture feel different. And if you want a bigger challenge, you can transform furniture completely by staining the wood a different color or sanding and painting it.

"Changing it in some way is a good idea, so it doesn't feel like the same piece of furniture," Floyd says.

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Interior designer Sharon McCormick has several furniture items in her Durham, Conn., home that have been repurposed, such as this office credenza that now serves as storage space for shoes and other accessories. It is just one example of her twists on classic pieces of furniture.

Perhaps the latest furniture piece being given a second life is the giant television armoire used to store a big TV behind closed doors. Modern flat-screen and plasma televisions are turning these armoires into relics, but they don't have to be, designers say.

"Everybody has them, and you can try to sell them, but you can't get much money for them because no one needs them anymore," says Sharon McCormick, owner of Sharon McCormick Design in Durham, Conn. "So the best thing is to turn them into something else." With some adjustments—removing the doors, replacing wood shelves with glass and adding a mirror as a backdrop—an old armoire can become a wine cabinet. Or it can be repurposed into a home-office cabinet, with storage for a computer and drawer space for paper and a printer.

McCormick transformed her own large armoire, originally designed to store clothes, into a linen closet for her bathroom. The shelves hold towels and toiletry items, and the bottom doors were rehinged so that two hampers now tilt outward to collect dirty clothes.

Nearby in the bathroom, McCormick tucked an upholstered chair and a floor lamp for soft lighting.

"It was an empty corner, and I had the chair but I never knew what I was going to do with it," McCormick says. Placing an upholstered chair in a bathroom is "unusual but so handy" to sit down and dry your hair, put on makeup, or keep an eye on children in the bathtub, she says.

McCormick has embraced the practice of repurposing furniture, and all around her historic home in Durham are examples of her own twists on classic pieces of furniture serving new functions.

"Some people are not confident enough to put something in an unusual place. Or they can't imagine things any other way or in any other place than where it already exists," she says. "But the more unusual and unexpected it is, the more exciting a room can be." In her mudroom is a six-drawer filing cabinet she originally bought for her office. It now stores hats, shoes and gloves. On her sun porch is a small desk she repainted white and uses as a side table. On the other side of the room is a painted dresser that functions as a decorative table.

McCormick says that even if you don't reuse your own furniture, it's easy to find someone else's item to repurpose at a tag sale.

"Keep an open mind about what it could be," she says. "If there's something about it that appeals to you, you can always find a new use for it, even if it was not what it was intended to be—and that makes it more interesting. It's always nice when someone walks into a room and says, 'Wow. That's cool. I never would have thought of that.'"

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This armoire is used in an upstairs bathroom as a linen closet. The cabinets were rehinged to hold two clothes hampers that tilt open.

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An old desk now used as a side table on a sun porch.

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A chair fills an empty corner of an upstairs bathroom.

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A dresser sits in a corner of Sharon McCormick's back porch.

Tips for trying new things

If you are thinking of repurposing a piece of furniture, designers offer these guidelines to help determine if the piece fits a new place.

- Anything being used as an end table or side table placed next to furniture generally shouldn't extend 2 inches above or below the arm of a sofa or chair.
- Furniture used as an entryway table shouldn't extend too far into the hallway or walking space leading from a door. Usually allow for 36 to 42 inches of walking space.
- Don't try to squeeze too much furniture into a dining room. Make sure there is enough room to pull a chair all the way out from the table with room to sit down and, ideally, with some extra walking space behind the chair even when it is pulled out. ***(The Hartford Courant)***

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Carved hands and masks throw Zen-Balinese into the mix at a new tiki outpost in Beverly Hills, Calif. Ñ a restaurant that re-imagines the storied Luau. The statue at right, custom made by "Tiki Ray" Kieffer, is based on a salt shaker from the original restaurant.

They're carrying a torch for tiki

By ADAM TSCHORN
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LOS ANGELES—If the words "tiki culture" conjure images of rum drinks the color of windshield wiper fluid, dusty tribal masks and low-rent bamboo-backed bars, hold on to your paper parasol because there's a new trade wind blowing. What was once dismissed as "tacky tiki" is going upscale.

The result? South Seas-tinged art, music, runway clothes and even a high-end restaurant in Beverly Hills, all with price tags a notch or three above the budget of your standard-issue aloha shirt-wearing tiki geek. The new incarnation is kicking the kitsch and ushering in an era of luxe on the lanai.

After weathering years of shuttered Trader Vic's outposts around the country and the high-profile flop of a tiki-themed nightclub at the Venetian in Las Vegas, the tiki tribe is once more on the march. A tiki-adorned Tonga Lei Room can be found inside the recently opened Beachcomber Cafe on the Malibu Pier. An L.A. outpost of Trader Vic's, complete with live Polynesian-themed entertainment, is coming to the L.A. Live development downtown early next year. And tiki outfitters and art galleries are seeing a boom in big-ticket items.

Now, Andrew Hewitt is betting with his new Luau restaurant that the sort of boldface names that flock to Il Sole, the West Hollywood eatery he co-owns, are ready to duck into booths lighted by puffer fish lamps and dine on seared tuna over an edamame-wasabi puree while sipping rum drinks served in lopped-off pineapples.

The retro tide has raised the prices of paintings by Orange County, Calif.-based artist Shag—who depicts mid-century cocktail culture and all things tiki—from a few hundred dollars apiece a decade ago to as much as $20,000.

Dutch label Viktor & Rolf has incorporated the grinning visage of the totemic tiki into its spring/summer 2009 men's runway collection, where tiki-festooned ties and Hawaiian-style button fronts and sweaters joined hibiscus prints and suit jackets draped with leis. (Designer Rolf Snoeren saw the motif as a way of telegraphing the exuberance and optimism of the late 1950s, signified by America's newly minted 50th state—and nodding to the birthplace of Democratic presidential contender Sen. Barack Obama.)

Although the tiki aesthetic is not exactly antique, it has been around long enough that the earliest pieces of ephemera—mugs, matchbooks and restaurant menus dating to the early 1930s—have become sought-after collectibles, and hand-carved Witco tiki bars from the '60s fetch as much as $5,000.

Today's tiki nouveau is actually a return to the lifestyle's high-end roots. Don the Beachcomber, a Hollywood restaurant that opened in the 1930s, was the Spago of its day, attracting a clientele that included Charlie Chaplin and Orson Welles. Then came Victor Bergeron, inventor of the mai tai and founder of the Trader Vic's chain, who capitalized on the '50s and '60s fascination with the South Seas, propelled by soldiers returning from the Pacific theater of World War II. Thanks to the efforts of Hollywood set builders, those establishments evolved into elaborate exercises in escapism, complete with waterfalls, torches and miles of bamboo, carefully crafted to magically transport customers to a faraway island.

Tiki's new presence at the high end reflects the same co-opting of subculture that turned Los Angeles' swing-dance underground into a worldwide craze for $22 martinis and transformed Kustom Kar culture into a launch pad for $50 Von Dutch trucker caps.

As that cadre of tiki-smitten hipsters grew up and gained disposable incomes, the early years of tiki receded further and further into the past, and what was kitsch became cool. Indeed, Shag's latest painting, "In Search of Tiki," is worth a cool $15,000.

"When something is expensive, people give it respect," says Shag (the nom de brush of artist Josh Agle). "I took these kitschy tiki paintings and brought them into legitimate galleries." Shag's brightly colored, cartoon-like paintings are pure escapist time travel. Chock-full of overflowing tiki mugs, curvaceous women and retro swagger—achieving in two dimensions what the tiki bar does in three—they take you to a happier place and time.

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Puffer fish lanterns hang from the ceiling in the re-imagined Luau in Beverly Hills, Calif.

KITCHEN MAGIC

Cranberry-Orange Spice Cookies

Crystallized ginger and pumpkin pie spice give these Cranberry-Orange Spice Cookies an autumn-inspired zing that draws cookie lovers from near and far!

Basic Cookie Dough
1/2 cup dried cranberries, finely chopped
1/4 cup crystallized ginger, finely chopped
2 teaspoons grated fresh orange peel
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
3 tablespoons green sugar crystals
3 tablespoons red sugar crystals

1. Prepare Basic Cookie Dough. In step 2, stir in cranberries, ginger, orange peel and pumpkin pie spice along with flour until well mixed. Divide dough in half.

2. On lightly floured surface, with hands, shape each half into 10-inch-long log. Using hands or two clean rulers on sides, press each log into 10-inch-long squared-off log. Wrap each in plastic wrap and freeze until firm enough to slice, 2 hours or refrigerate overnight. (Logs can be frozen up to 1 month.)

3. Preheat oven to 350 F. On 1 sheet of waxed paper, place green sugar. Unwrap 1 log and press sides in sugar to coat. Cut log into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place slices, 1 inch apart, on ungreased large cookie sheet. Bake cookies 14 to 16 minutes or until golden. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Repeat with red sugar and second log.

4. Store cookies in tightly sealed container at room temperature up to 1 week or in freezer up to 3 months. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

Basic Cookie Dough
This simple dough calls for butter (no substitutions) because butter not only gives the best flavor in baked goods, but also makes the dough much more manageable to work with.

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter (no substitutions), softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. On waxed paper, combine flour, baking soda and salt.

2. In large bowl, with mixer on medium speed, beat butter and sugar 1 minute or until creamy, occasionally scraping bowl with rubber spatula. Add egg and vanilla; beat until well mixed. Reduce speed to low; gradually beat in flour mixture just until blended, occasionally scraping bowl.

3. Follow directions for your choice of cookie.

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Clearing away clutter

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Q: My husband and I areboth terrible at managing clutter. It seems that every time one of us manages to clear a space of stuff, more junk appears to fill it up! How can we get rid of all the clutter in our house?—Jane W., via e-mail

A: Clutter is a very common problem in American society, so you're not alone. None of us likes to be without our "stuff," even when that stuff is pushing us out the door.

Ellen Phillips, author of "Kick the Clutter: Clear Out Excess Stuff Without Losing What You Love" (Rodale Inc., $17.95), writes that there are several types of personalities that attract clutter. For example: The collector, who amasses lots of his or her favorite items; the inheritor, who "inherits" items from family members or friends; and the compulsive shopper, who buys things because they are a bargain or needed.

The first step to getting rid of clutter, whether you fall into the above categories or not, is to recognize the traits that make you susceptible to amassing clutter, and then work consciously, every day, on not giving in to those traits. In this way it's very much like going on a diet.

Once you've addressed the reason why clutter comes in the door, set priorities for tackling the existing clutter. You don't have to tackle it all at once; budget your time for cleaning up. And don't overdo it—just do a little at a time, but regularly.

And be sure to do this as a couple. If both of you have brought in clutter, you both should take it out. Don't blame each other or try to make the other spouse feel guilty about it, but instead work together to prioritize and de-clutter your home.

HOME TIP: Feel guilty about just throwing excess clutter in the trash? Recycle as much as possible, give it away or sell more valuable items on an online auction site like eBay.

Send questions or home-repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

The Good Life

Learning on a shoestring

By THERESA VARGAS
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I buried a shoe at the end of the world.

Its mate had slipped away somewhere between Punta Arenas, Chile, and Ushuaia, Argentina, getting lost in a crowded bus, under the bunk bed of a cheap hostel or at a campsite reached through the luck of hitchhiking. Wherever it was, that green and blue Adidas was gone by the time we reached Ushuaia—known as the southernmost city in the world—just in time for New Year's 1999.

I was studying abroad in Santiago that year when Christmas break approached and I was confronted with a choice. I could pay money my family didn't have to go home for three weeks, or I could find a way to roam on nearly empty pockets. Now, I know there are some people who are born adventurous, or at least are born to parents who force adventure on them through camping trips, skiing excursions and summer escapes.

That is not the Vargas way.

Growing up in San Antonio, I can't remember one family trip we ever took that required a sleeping bag, bug spray or guidebook. There were a couple of escapes to Las Vegas. But for a kid too young to gamble, the memories stop at the hotel pool.

So, when the four other students who had also decided to stay suggested we take a trip through Patagonia, I muzzled the nature-hater within me. Then I went out and bought pants that with a slip of the zipper turned into shorts. That's what overseas experiences are about, I lectured myself, stepping out of comfort zones.

Hauling only our backpacks, the five of us took a bus to Puerto Montt. There, we boarded the Navimag ferry, which crosses the Patagonian Channels. Think Titanic, only smaller, with a third-class ticket. We had opted for the cheapest fare, which got us bunk beds in the underbelly of the ship. The restroom was shared. Meals were provided only after all the other passengers had eaten. And we were lulled to sleep each night by either a gentle rocking or a nausea-inducing shake, depending on the water's mood.

When we finally reached Puerto Natales after about four days, we were restless to get moving. We loaded our packs with food from a local store, where we carefully considered how much to buy. Too much, and our packs would weigh us down. Too little, and we would run out before making it through five days of hiking and camping at Torres del Paine National Park. It would take a day's hike alone to reach the Torres, or towers, the park's main draw. The granite structures jut from the ground like a majestic bony hand reaching skyward.

I'd like to say that I finished that part of the hike in nine hours, as did three people in our group, and that as I stood staring at the crystal lake water below those towers, I made a profound discovery about myself—that I did like nature.

Instead, I learned this: Nature didn't like me.

The one other pavement-partial woman in our group and I decided to conquer the hike together, and we did, almost. We walked for hours, straining uphill and holding onto a rope at one point to pass along a mountainside. We shared a can of tuna, no mayo, along the way, and then, just as we approached the end, we lost sight of the trail markers and the other people. After I slid down a steep unmarked path, screaming to my hiking partner that she should give away the rest of my granola if I didn't make it, we had no choice but to turn back. Night was approaching, and a dinner of dehydrated noodles waited.

I don't recall if we ever told the rest of our group that we didn't see the towers. I know we sensed that they and others would find disappointment where we had found a deep sense of accomplishment. After all, we had made it most of the way and back. For 13 hours, we had stepped out of our comfort zones.

By the time we arrived in Ushuaia about a week later, my pants were a bit baggier and my shoe had made its escape. I buried its mate out of sentimentality for a trip that had changed me and then spent the rest of the time wearing not Timberlands, but shiny red Doc Martens ankle boots.

Like me, they seemed completely inappropriate for this trip. They weren't made for nature, either.

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Lessons in life in Utrecht

By TOM SHRODER
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The academic highlight of my junior year abroad was an end-of-term paper for environmental sciences, titled "Domestic Animal Waste Disposal in an Urban Social Context." It was a 40-page study of dog poo in the streets of Utrecht, the city in the Netherlands where I lived and "studied" during the 1973-1974 school year. From the carefully crafted title to the absurdist footnotes (many of which had their *own* footnotes), the paper, written in collaboration with my three flatmates, was an energetic parody of academic bloviation. Based on the speaking style of the study-abroad program director (PhD, pomposity), we developed a list of principles for writing our thesis that we prosecuted mercilessly:

"1. Why use three adjectives when you can use four? 2. Multiple adverbs are even better than multiple adjectives. 3. Never state a fact without qualifying it at least twice, preferably in ways that contradict the original point. 4. Quote Goethe whenever possible, and at least once when it is not at all possible."

And so on.

We got an A-plus.

The only other class I can remember attending in Holland was European history. Possibly 18th century. I found the reading unexpectedly interesting, though I haven't the slightest memory of the subject. Something about Europe. And history.

I did take the Dutch language from a guy named Toby, but it was a beginner course. The one sentence I remember learning, was: "Ik heb een reis maken naar grote gele bananenland." Perhaps I was hallucinating, but I remember Toby saying it meant, "I have traveled to the land of big, yellow bananas."

The fact that I learned very little Dutch didn't matter because the program was set up to allow us to study in an English bubble. All the courses we were required to take were supplied by the three American professors who came with our group to Holland. Theoretically, we had access to the resources of the University of Utrecht, but I and my fellow American students and I rarely set foot there, except to visit the university rathskeller, where we discovered large quantities of very cheap, remarkably good local beer. "Beer, please," was the other sentence I learned to say in Dutch.

To sum up: During my junior year abroad, the academics were, literally, a joke; the study of language was lax and doomed to futility; and many of our cultural encounters revolved around the conspicuous consumption of fermented malt beverages. Talk about a "liberal" education.

And yet, 35 years later, the part of my college career that I remember as the most personally enriching: those nine months I lived in Europe. And why not? That was one terrific vacation.

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Bathroom language

By LEIGH LAMBERT
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WASHINGTON—One of the primary reasons for studying abroad is to understand and accept other cultures. But judging from some of the nicknames for the Semester at Sea program—"Semester of C Minuses," "the Floating Mattress"—I don't think all of the 500-some students who signed up with me in 1991 for the University of Pittsburgh program were there to expand their minds.

In an effort to enforce some small measure of appropriate behavior on our trip around the world, the faculty taught a mandatory course on the culture before we arrived at each port. Certain advice was for our own protection, such as "Don't eat raw vegetables or street food," which I totally ignored. But much of the instruction covered how to keep from offending other cultures: Women wear skirts in Muslim countries. Don't eat with your left hand in India, that sort of thing. The dean of students armed us with cheat sheets of useful native phrases and always reminded us as we disembarked, "Keep an open mind and don't expect all the comforts of home." I took this to mean travel with toilet paper.

When we landed in Malaysia I was eager to try all it had to offer, starting with the cuisine. The fact that it was just eight in the morning served as no deterrent. Even back then, I would go anywhere in pursuit of novel flavors and shunned the Western chains for native restaurants where English wasn't an option.

I ducked into a tiny storefront and emerged with laksa, a spicy noodle soup, and an iced coffee. After slurping it all down, I set out with my friend Kim to wander the streets of Penang. But it wasn't long before my stomach began rumbling. I scanned the shop signs for a restaurant to use their restroom. Unfortunately, to an ignorant Western eye, Asian symbols in red neon all look like restaurant signs.

Desperate, I ducked into the next open door. It was a watch shop. I tried to make myself understood as quickly as possible to the older man behind the display case. Thankfully, my hand gestures and pidgin Malay were enough to gain access to his back facilities. No toilet, just a drain, a hose and a pair of work boots. I kept an open mind, which was irrelevant, as this was going to happen regardless of the amenities. It wasn't pretty. Afterward, I wiped my brow, popped a couple of Pepto-Bismol and headed back into the front of the shop. That's when Kim announced she was going to use the bathroom, too.

"You do not want to go back there," I warned, too embarrassed to offer details.

But there was no persuading her. Moments later, she returned, still breathing.

"Listen, I'm really sorry," I said. "I tried to warn you."

Kim shrugged. "What? It wasn't that bad."

I was shocked. She was unflappable.

"Well, I mean for starters there was no toilet."

"What do you mean?" Kim replied, clearly puzzled. "There was a toilet in there!"

To my sudden horror, I realized I'd just relieved myself in the shop owner's work room.

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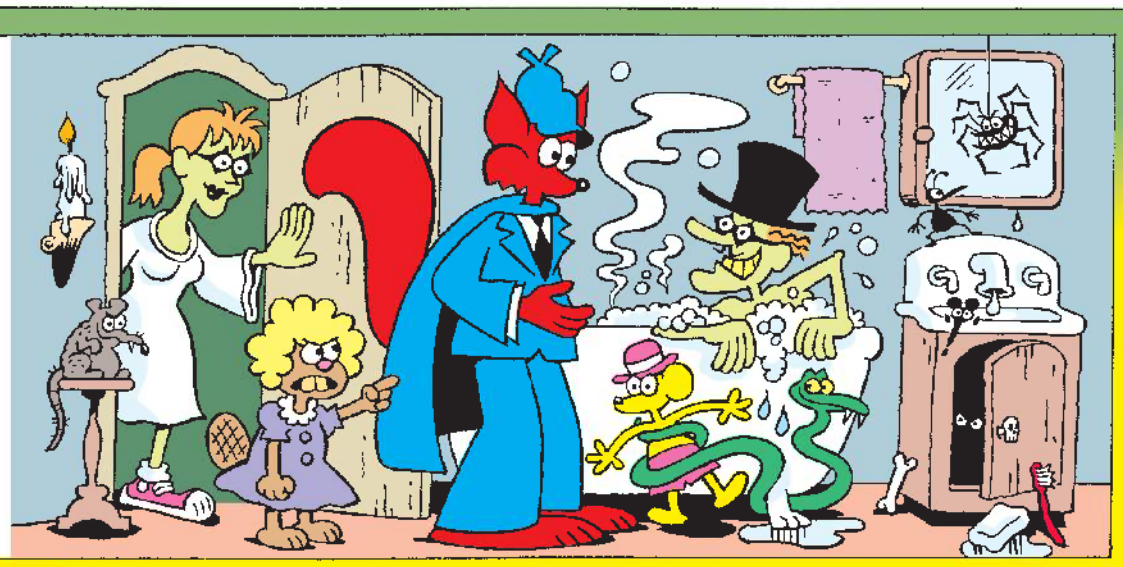
Bob Weber Jr.'s Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids

Which one of these scenes is slightly different from the other two?

Answer -- Number three.

Becky Beaver says Count Weirdly used his laser to fry her prized flower garden ten minutes ago. Weirdly insists he's innocent. The count claims he was asleep in the tub for the last hour, and only awoke when they knocked on the door. Why does Slylock Fox think Weirdly is lying?

Solution -- If Weirdly had been asleep in the tub for the last hour the water would not be steaming hot, and there probably would not be the present volume of bubbles.



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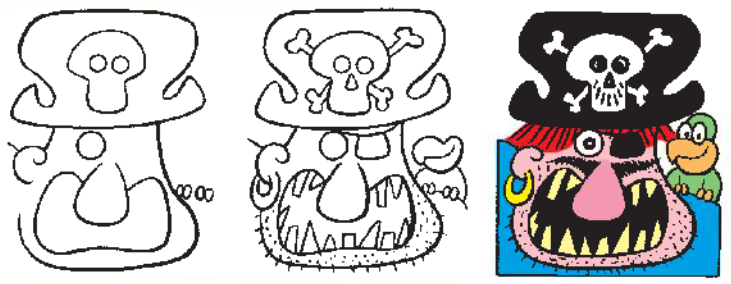
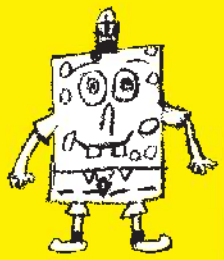


YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Corbin Jones, age 9, of Lenoir, NC



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Which body part stays the same size from birth?

a) Nose
b) Ears
c) Eyes
d) Heart
e) Hands

Answer -- c)

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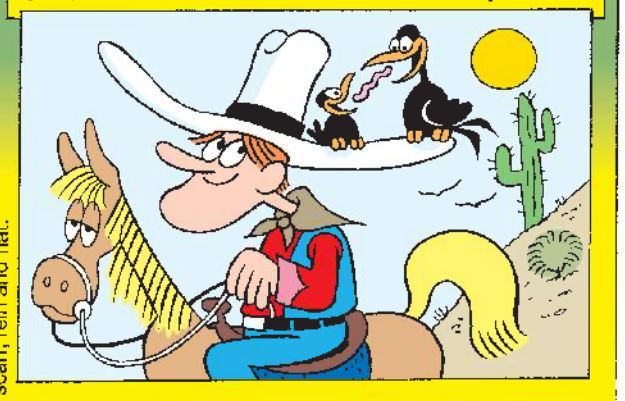
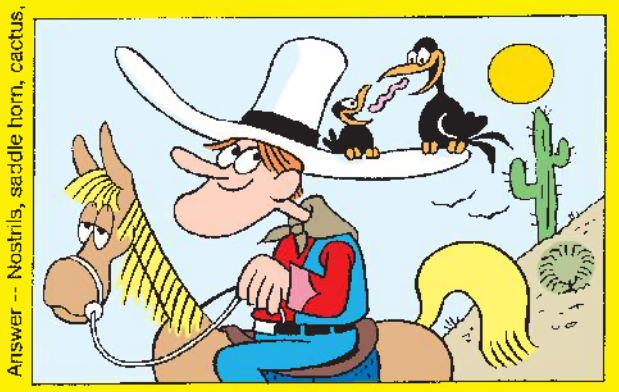


Answer -- Nostrils, saddle horn, cactus, scarf, rein and hat.



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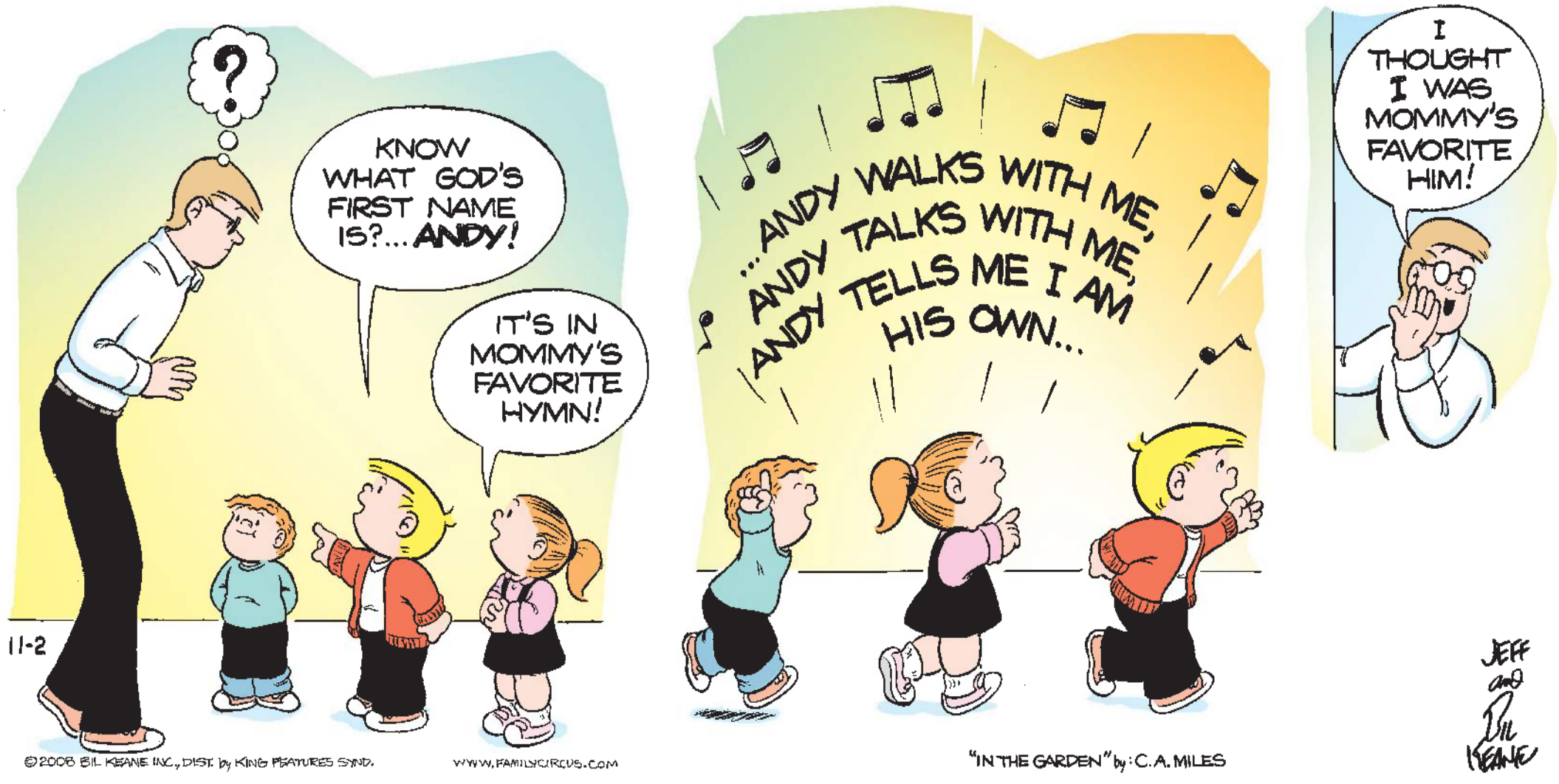
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IT'S IN MOMMY'S FAVORITE HYMN!
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...ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN...
I THOUGHT I WAS MOMMY'S FAVORITE HIM!
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THERE'S A STOPPED-UP TOILET IN THE LATRINE
A GOOD JOB FOR BEETLE
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YOUR MOTHER ALWAYS OUTSMARTS US AND FINDS HER PRESENT BEFORE HER BIRTHDAY, BUT NOT THIS YEAR!

SHE'LL NEVER FIND IT UNDER MY WORKBENCH
DADDY, WE TRIED THAT TWO YEARS AGO
YEAH

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NO, SHE'S ALWAYS POKING AROUND IN THE CLOSET FOR SOMETHING
THAT'S FOR SURE

LET'S GIVE THE ATTIC ANOTHER SHOT! THERE'S MORE JUNK UP THERE THAN EVER
11-2

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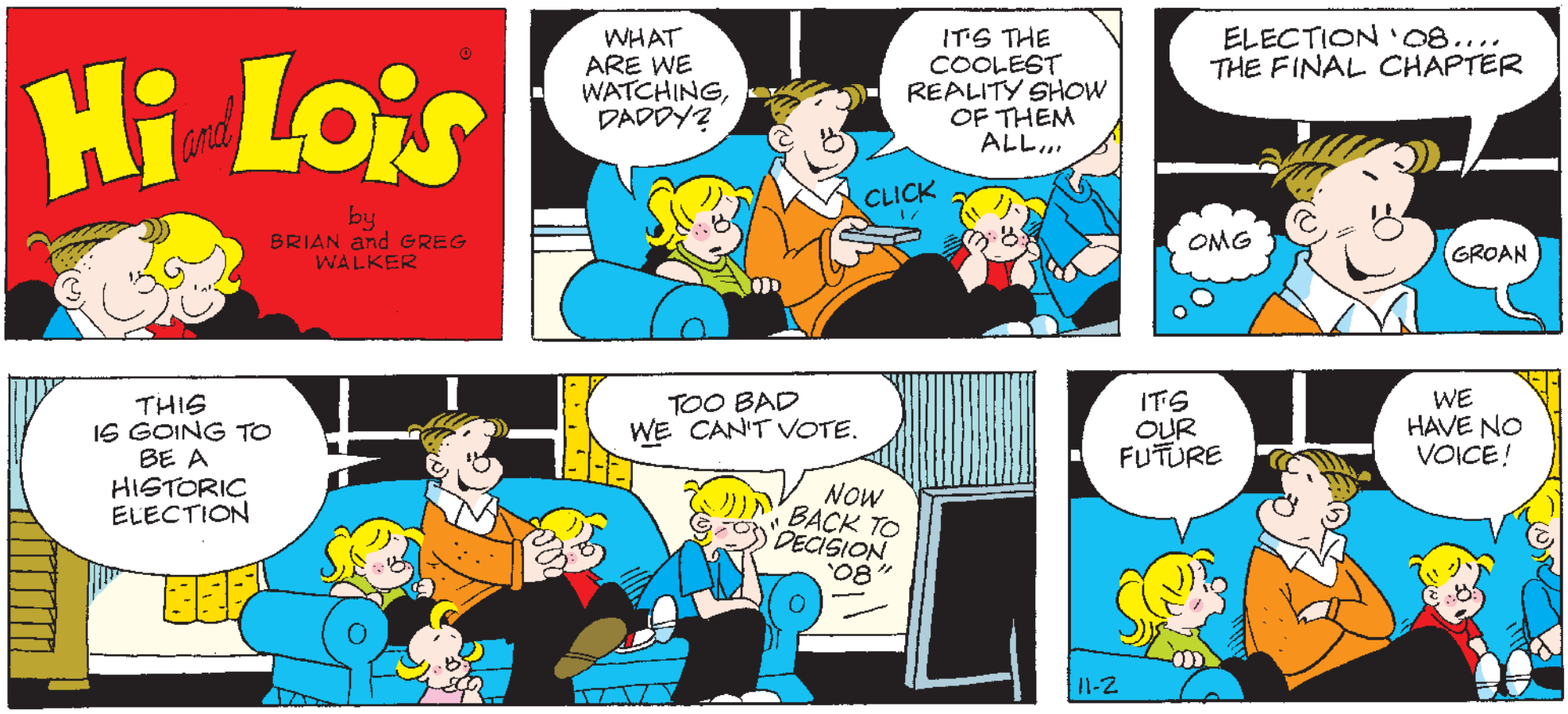
WHO ARE WE KIDDING?! THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE SHE'LL LOOK!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO

NEXT YEAR, WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE ME SHOPPING WITH YOU?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WHAT ARE WE WATCHING, DADDY?
IT'S THE COOLEST REALITY SHOW OF THEM ALL...
CLICK
ELECTION '08.... THE FINAL CHAPTER
OMG
GROAN
THIS IS GOING TO BE A HISTORIC ELECTION
TOO BAD WE CAN'T VOTE.
NOW "BACK TO DECISION '08"
IT'S OUR FUTURE
WE HAVE NO VOICE!
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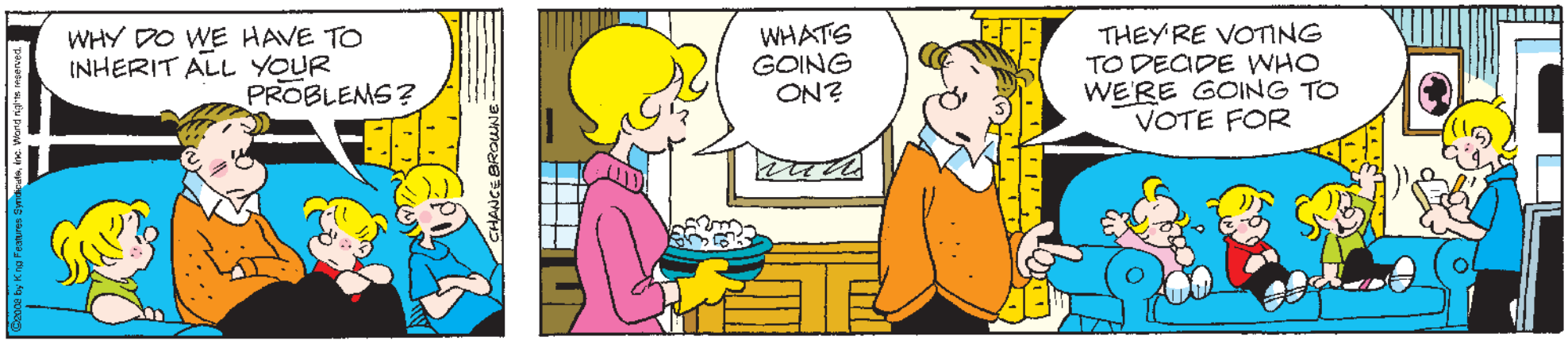
WHY DO WE HAVE TO INHERIT ALL YOUR PROBLEMS?
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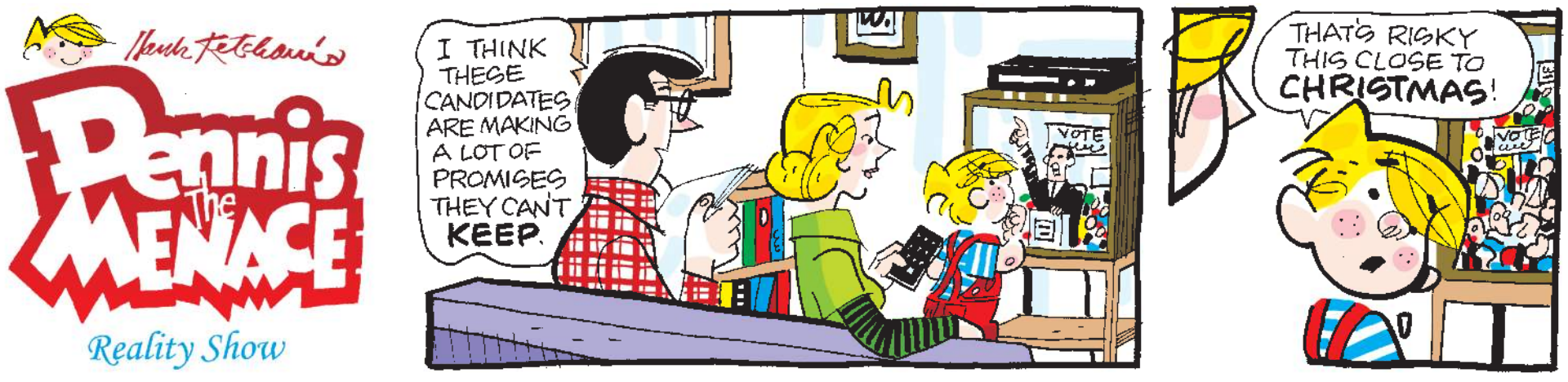
CHANCE BROWNE
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'RE VOTING TO DECIDE WHO WE'RE GOING TO VOTE FOR


Hank Ketcham's
Dennis The MENACE
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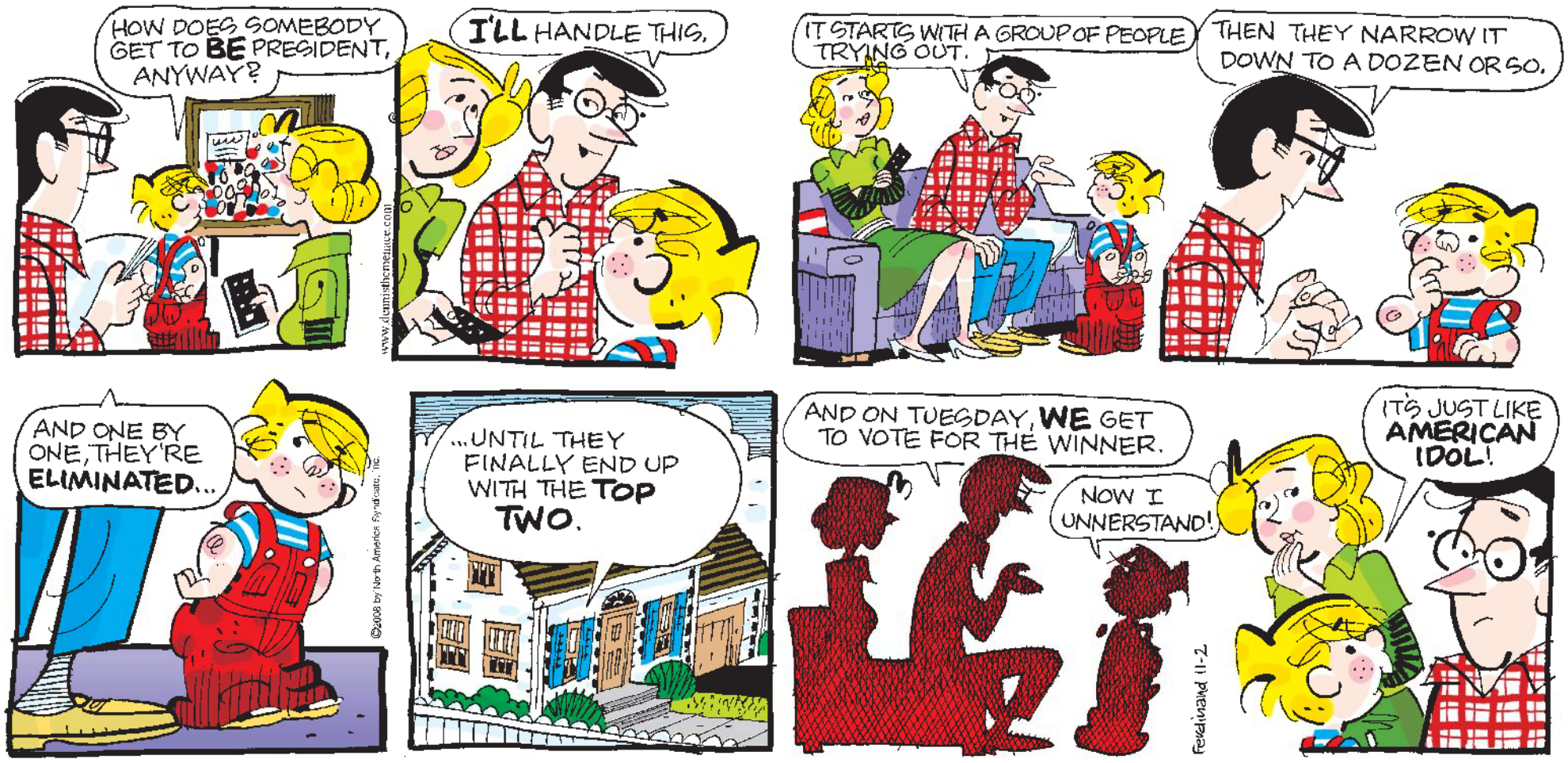
VOTE
THAT'S RISKY THIS CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS!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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornean stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of humor generates good feelings and good will everywhere you go.

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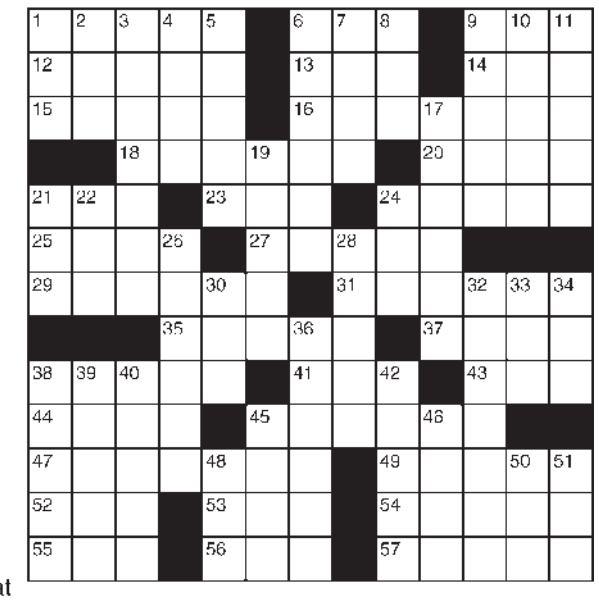
King Crossword



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1 Tackles' teammates
6 Old soap ingredient
9 Cauldron
12 Square
13 Author Fleming
14 Commotion
15 Pool member, maybe
16 Mr. Rogers trademark
18 NC-17 patrons
20 Pandemonium
21 Frequently
23 Ball-bearing item
24 Teatime treat
25 Pub supply
27 Trip around the world?
29 Serving bowl
31 "Peer Gynt" dancer
35 Do a double take
37 Wield a cleaver
38 Serious
41 That guy
43 Storm center
44 Image (Var.)
45 Lennon's last home, with "The"
47 More (than)
49 Four-letter words
52 Scratch
53 Witty one
54 River tributary
55 Pompous one
56 Raw rocks
57 Equine to a toddler

DOWN
1 Clear the plates away
2 Emmet
3 Con artist
4 Benevolent
5 Teapot feature
6 "Father of modern surgery"
7 Deviates off course
8 WSW opposite
9 BBQ setting
10 Music hall
11 Rich, eggy cake
17 — Circle
19 Hotelier Helmsley
21 Feedbag tidbit
22 Winter ailment
24 Sermon subject
26 Sister of Venus
28 Wax-and-dye design
30 Always, in verse
32 Cinema
33 Trigger's rider
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LESSONS

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Give anyone a year off from serious responsibility, and it will invariably be remembered fondly. In fact, maybe we could do worse than creating a space for young adults to have one wild, carefree adventure before they pick up that burden they won't be able to put down until they're eligible for Social Security and Medicare.

But in the end, didn't that year offer more than just a good time? My gut tells me it did.

At 19, I had landed in a foreign place alone, with no prearrangements. All I had was a backpack and the address of the program director, a second-floor apartment on a quiet street opposite a park. He let me and two other students, who would become my best friends and co-conspirators, sleep on the floor of his small living room for a few days. While others landed rooms in sterile dorms on a commuter campus a few miles away, instinct led us to roam the city, checking in on a list of apartments for rent, until we managed to negotiate a lease on a four-room flat over a bakery in a 350-year-old building.

It was there, I realize, where I began to learn my first lesson, one that shaped me both personally and professionally: When in an unfamiliar situation, don't stay on the fringe; immerse yourself. It paid off richly, and part of the dividend was in fresh pastry; a trap door in the apartment's tiny kitchen led down a ladderlike stair to the bakery's back room, where the baker left unsold goods out for us at night. We had no refrigerator, but for the long winter (consistently cold but not frigid), I stored my perishables in the rain gutter outside my dormer window.

Next was lesson two: There is always a way around scarce resources. This was Europe, not Burma, but even Europe made American materialistic excess clear by comparison—especially back then, during the first oil crisis, when Sunday streets were emptied of cars and the whole city came out to celebrate the slower pace.

To get around, we purchased dented old bikes for less than $10 and pedaled everywhere. Like most of the Dutch students we met, we had almost no money, yet we traveled at the drop of the hat. A $3 train ride to the American Express office in Amsterdam and $40 got us a one-way, not-exactly-legal ride to Barcelona, hidden and freezing in the back of a Mercedes truck. From Barcelona, we purchased steerage-class passage on the lower deck of a ferry to the fantasy island of Ibiza. We couldn't afford hotels, so we brought sheets of plastic for shelter and hiked from one Mediterranean coast to the other. We slept in our makeshift tent, buffered from the wind by low shrubs that grew just above the tide and warmed by driftwood that burned till dawn. For breakfast, lunch and dinner, we ate chickpeas or peanut butter with coarse brown bread. For dessert, we plucked pods from the wild carob trees. So that was lesson three: Life's pleasures aren't synonymous with its luxuries.

Even when we returned to the "routine" of our homely base camp in Utrecht, every day felt unlike every other—intense, saturated with texture. Wherever I was that year, it was where I wanted to be.

And that's the lesson I've struggled to hold onto ever since, even as it flits away and dodges around one dark corner or another, even when deadlines and bills multiply and there are no still-warm butter cookies waiting at the bottom of the stair. Maybe it's so hard because the lesson is so simple: Each moment contains the world.

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When experience doesn't hit home

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In 1982, I was a sophomore at Principia, a small Christian college outside St. Louis. I was pining for a girl I hadn't seen since high school, and so when I heard she was spending the summer in England, I got my parents to let me study theater and satire at London University.

This was the time known as "The Troubles," when a small, deadly group of Irish nationalists called the Irish Republican Army was launching terrorist attacks against Britain in their ongoing battle for an independent northern Ireland. But I knew no more about the Irish Republican Army back then than I did about Individual Retirement Accounts. To me, the idea of Catholics and Protestants battling away seemed more like a quaint episode of "Masterpiece Theatre." London was cheap and friendly, the perfect place for an American rube out in the world for the first time. I'd never ridden a city bus or a subway before, never stepped in a pub or seen people with spiky green hair. I bought a used black tailcoat that I thought made me look particularly cool. My naivete was boundless.

On a sunny day in late July, a wealthy American friend hired a taxi and took several of us to Buckinghamshire to see Cliveden, Lady Astor's mansion, on its lofty perch above the Thames. Afterward, we returned to the city for a snack near Hyde Park. In the middle of our meal, we heard a faint roar, like distant thunder. Somebody made a joke about the noise.

A few minutes later, sirens started wailing. One of the worst episodes of IRA violence had begun. Terrorists had exploded a car bomb full of nails as the queen's cavalry rode through Hyde Park, less than a mile from our restaurant. Two soldiers were killed, along with seven horses. Tourists watching the parade suffered ghastly injuries. Shortly thereafter, another bomb exploded under the bandstand in nearby Regent's Park, as the Royal Green Jackets performed music from "Oliver." Six of the military musicians were killed instantly; more onlookers were injured. One of the people listening to the performance was a fellow student. She dropped out of our program that day and flew home. Her sudden disappearance hung over us with haunting intimations of what she must have seen or what calamity just missed us. The final death toll for that day was 11; more than 50 people were injured.

But I didn't even think to call my parents, which just slays me now that I have teenage daughters of my own and expect them to check in at the first sign of snowflakes. Walking home from class the next day, I wandered along a street next to the park that was blocked by police tape and barricades. Next door, all the windows of a grand old building were blown out.

It pains me to recall how deplorably ignorant and incurious I was. Even standing on pieces of broken glass, looking at the site of one of Europe's worst terrorist attacks, I was struck only by how surreal the scene looked. In those days long before Sept. 11, 2001, there seemed no way for a young American to feel connected to such a tragedy, no context in which the fear of an explosive assault like that could make sense. Terrorism was as exotic to me as Yorkshire pudding.

I learned a lot about theater and British satire that summer (and that my old high school girlfriend had no romantic interest in me). But it would take another 20 years and strikes by a different group of madmen on my own soil to strip away my smug sense of invincibility.

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Learning to let life happen

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WASHINGTON—Even decades later, the memories I have of my junior year in Spain are so numerous and so vivid that I could pluck them loose for days, like beads from a ball gown.

I remember so well the family I stayed with in Valencia. There was the super-extroverted Elvira, who mistook my American desire for privacy for a shyness she needed to remedy; the fervently anti-American Enrique, who expected me to answer for all the sins of the Reagan era, and the three children—the oldest, Quique, already a little man at 9; gentle David of the soulful eyes; and the toddler princesa, Raquel.

I remember the dollar's reign over the peso and the loud public protests against Spain remaining in the North American Treaty Organization. And then there were the siestas, those three-hour lunchtime breaks that drove the restless Americans crazy, until we finally relaxed into them, slowly growing to admire the abandon with which the Spanish live life. Just let it happen, the Spaniards seemed to admonish us, as they set aflame their fantastical float-like creations in the city center during the spring festival of Las Fallas—not a drop of water in sight.

I also remember being *terribly* homesick. There was no e-mail, or prepaid phone cards, and letters crossed the Atlantic with excruciating slowness. My nadir of despair came at Christmas break, when I alone in my group couldn't afford to go home or buy a Eurail pass. I never would have believed that I would recall it all now with wistful yearning.

Yet I do. That's because once I accepted the fact that there was no leaving until May, I just let life happen—inhaled it, even. I returned home deeper and more aware of my place in the world.

Back in the 1980s, a relative few American students had such life-altering opportunities, but much has changed besides the advent of e-mail. Studying abroad is now considered de rigueur, a ticket that must be punched to compete in the global economy. The number of U.S. undergraduate and graduate students studying abroad has increased from just shy of 50,000 during the 1985-1986 academic year to 223,000 during 2005-2006, according to the nonprofit Institute of International Education. Although 58 percent are still going to Europe, the number of students traveling to other parts of the world, including Asia, Africa and South America, is increasing.

And yet there remains something so timeless about the study-abroad experience—a something that binds all of us who have had that good fortune, whether in the 1980s or in 2008.

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Learning how to hyphenate

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WASHINGTON—When my English host family asked me to speak to their son's second-grade class as a visiting foreign student, I began outlining some things to say about the United States. Founding fathers, slavery, emancipation and civil rights—U.S. history 101 stuff.

"Why don't you also include a few words in Korean to dazzle the youngsters?" my host mother, Martha, suggested.

"Korean? Huh?" I responded, unable to eke out a full reply.

"Just 'hello' and 'thank you' is enough. Remember these are youngsters, luv, so nothing too complicated," Martha said.

It was one of those rock-your-world moments, when you realize some basic ideas you've come to acquire about yourself are way out of sync with those around you.

This was in 1992, when I was about to spend a year studying British literature at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. It wasn't my first time abroad. I had twice visited Korea, where my parents were born, once as an infant and once as a young teen. The previous summer, I'd spent a couple of months studying British literature at Oxford's Trinity College.

But in Oxford, where foreign tourists abound, I traveled in a bubble of American students largely separated from locals. In Edinburgh, where ethnic Asians primarily emigrate from former British Commonwealth nations, I lived with Scots and shopped and socialized with them and other Europeans. There, I was uniformly regarded, at least upon first meeting, as Not American.

I was staying with Martha's family in Blackpool, England, the week before my study program started. Martha explained to me that day that her son's class was hoping for a presentation about Korea, "your home country."

Not wanting to insult my sweet and generous hosts, I crammed that night with a stack of encyclopedias in their living room. Korean culture: Buddhism and Christianity are the main religions. Food: kimchi, or pickled cabbage. History: War divided the peninsula between Communist north and capitalist south.

But I was no expert in Korean culture. I hardly spoke the language. My parents left South Korea in 1966 to pursue graduate degrees at the University of Washington. I was born and raised in a largely homogenous small town north of Seattle, where my three sisters and I were usually among the two or three Asian families at school. Our household was culturally blended—American and Korean—like millions of other hyphenated families around the nation. When we came home from school, my sisters and I listened to Duran Duran on our Walkmans and gobbled down steaming bowls of instant kimchi ramen noodles. We went to Korean church retreats and a-ha concerts and breezed through Judy Blume novels. This balancing act wasn't labored or remarkable to us in any way. And those we encountered outside of our family gave no indication they thought it unusual, either.

In Edinburgh, however, I repeatedly found myself having to explain what it meant to be a hyphenated American. My Asian features were all people seemed to register. In a literature class, a friendly Scottish student was incredulous when she asked me where I was from and I replied the United States.

"But where are you *from*?" as if stressing the word "from" would prompt me to spill the real 411. I tried to explain that I was born in the United States but my parents were from Korea. She didn't seem to get it. At a pub in Prague, an artist asked to draw my picture. He thought I was Eskimo, an ethnic group he'd seen only on nature TV shows.

Although I didn't realize it at the time, that year in Edinburgh launched me on a journey to understand my Korean heritage more deeply. After college, I took my first journalism job in Seoul, where I tried to learn more about the country my parents left as adults. For several years, I wrote about Asian affairs and race and demographics at the San Jose Mercury News. When I arrived at The Post, I naturally gravitated toward stories about the immigrant Korean community.

I can't say I've found all of the answers. As with probing any aspect of identity, my ideas about who I am will probably keep evolving until the day I die. But I think if Martha were to ask me to do a presentation for her son's class today, I'd probably respond differently than I did in 1992. I know a lot more about Korea now, but I'd make it clear to her that being Korean and being Korean American are not the same thing. I'd go to her son's class and talk about the history of my real home country, the United States, including its founding fathers and the civil rights movement. Then I'd try very hard to help them understand what it was like growing up in the Pacific Northwest loving pickled cabbage while listening to Duran Duran.

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United States

Obama seeks landslide; McCain says he's far left

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Despite John McCain's prediction of an upset, Barack Obama reached for a landslide Friday, invading his rival's home state with TV ads and building a lead in early voting in key battlegrounds as the presidential race headed into a hectic final weekend.

McCain charged that Obama, bidding to become the first black president, "began his campaign in the liberal left lane of politics and has never left it. He's more liberal than a senator who calls himself a socialist," he added in Hanoverton, Ohio, a reference to Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont.

Yet with the economy almost certainly in a recession and the country clamoring for change after eight years of Republican rule, even some of McCain's allies conceded the obvious. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said it would take a "major struggle for him to win"—although he quickly added the Arizona senator had come back before when he had been counted out.

Privately, McCain's aides said their man trailed Obama by 4 points nationwide in internal polling.

An Associated Press-Yahoo News poll of likely voters put the Democrat ahead, 51 to 43, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The same survey gave McCain reason to hope—one in seven voters, 14 percent of the total—said they were undecided or might yet change their minds.

While the race for the White House drew most of the attention, minority Republicans in Congress braced for the loss of more seats in both the House and Senate.

Some said fresh polling in North Carolina suggested that incumbent GOP Elizabeth Dole had fallen further behind since airing an ad that tried to tie Democratic rival Kay Hagan to atheists.

Four days before the election, Obama was expanding his reach, and drawing large crowds as he moved methodically from one state to another that voted Republican in 2004.

After a stop home in Chicago to share Halloween with his two daughters, Obama took a bus ride about 30 miles across the state border, capping his day with a rally in Highland, Ind. "We are four days away from changing the United States of America," he proclaimed to a cheering crowd on a comfortable October evening.

Indiana is one of about a half-dozen states that went for President twice but remain up for grabs late this election season. Bush won the state by a 60-39 percent margin in 2004, and the competitive nature of the state this time around shows the strength of Obama's standing.

Obama used the occasion of Halloween to rib McCain in a new way, saying the Republican wore his usual costume: "Just like every year, he's going as George W. Bush."

Earlier in Iowa, Obama said, "What you started here in Iowa has swept the nation." His victory in the state's Democratic caucuses on Jan. 3 set him on the path to the party's nomination, and now to a lead in the presidential polls in the campaign's final hours.

One senior adviser said the Illinois senator had been given the names of potential Cabinet and White House staff picks for review but had not had much time to consider them. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Study: Media coverage has favored Obama campaign

NEW YORK (AP)—John McCain supporters who believe they haven't gotten a fair shake from the media during the Republican's candidacy against Barack Obama have a new study to point to.

Comments made by sources, voters, reporters and anchors that aired on ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts over the past two months reflected positively on Obama in 65 percent of cases, compared to 31 percent of cases with regards to McCain, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs.

ABC's "World News" had more balance than NBC's "Nightly News" or the "CBS Evening News," the group said.

Meanwhile, the first half of Fox News Channel's "Special Report" with Brit Hume showed more balance than any of the network broadcasters, although it was dominated by negative evaluations of both campaigns. The center didn't evaluate programs on CNN or MSNBC.

"For whatever reason, the media are portraying Barack Obama as a better choice for president than John McCain," said Robert Lichter, a George Mason University professor and head of the center. "If you watch the evening news, you'd think you should vote for Obama."

The center analyzed 979 separate news stories shown between Aug. 23 and Oct. 24, and excluded evaluations based on the campaign horse race, including mention of how the candidates were doing in polls. For instance, when a voter was interviewed on CBS Oct. 14 saying he thought Obama brought a freshness to Washington, that was chalked up as a pro-Obama comment.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. speaks at a rally in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, Oct. 31, 2008.

AP

Evidence of a recession higher with new data

WASHINGTON (AP)—Evidence of a recession piled ever higher Friday, with new figures showing Americans are spending less and gloomy about the economy, while the government signaled it won't buy stock in the financing arms of auto companies to prop them up. The Commerce Department reported consumer spending dropped a sharp 0.3 percent in September while their incomes, the fuel for future spending, managed only a small 0.2 percent gain.

That followed a report a day earlier that the U.S. economy shrank by 0.3 percent in the third quarter. The accepted definition of a recession is two straight quarters of a shrinking economy.

Closing out the worst October in 21 years but one of the best weeks ever, investors did some bargain shopping on Wall Street, snapping up stocks that have plunged in value. The Dow Jones industrial average gained nearly 145 points.

Meanwhile, the outgoing Bush administration sent signals to automakers and other industries hoping for government purchases of their stock that they probably won't qualify for the program.

ACROSS THE NATION

Cheetahs on plane: Animal gets loose in cargo hold

ATLANTA (AP)—A Delta baggage worker got a bit of a fright before Halloween when she opened a jetliner's cargo door and found a cheetah running loose amid the luggage. Two cheetahs were being flown in the cargo area of a Boeing 757 passenger flight from Portland, Ore., to Atlanta on Thursday when one escaped from its cage, Delta spokeswoman Betsy Talton said Friday. "They told us a large animal had gotten out of a container in the cargo hold and they were having to send someone to tranquilize it," said one passenger, Lee Sentell of Montgomery, Ala. The good news for passengers: The escaped cheetah didn't damage any of their luggage.

Boat runs aground near Miami Beach; 3 killed

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)—An aging, rusty boat carrying dozens of migrants ran aground early Friday east of downtown Miami, killing at least three people and sending three others to area hospitals, while an untold number are still missing. The U.S. Coast Guard said it continued to search the waters Friday night, and had accounted for 30 people. As many as 9 people still could be lost, and authorities weren't sure if some of the passengers had made it safely to land. "We hope they're alive," said Elee Erice, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. "We're searching for them." The boat got into trouble at around 7:20 a.m., authorities said. A bystander spotted the vessel in distress and called officials. Shortly after, several people on the boat jumped into the choppy, aquamarine water. Coast Guard officials didn't know if the people jumped because the vessel was in trouble or because they saw authorities coming.

Police release report on suicide of 'DC Madam'

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Police in Florida closed the book Friday on the suicide of the so-called "D.C. Madam," confirming that she hanged herself with a nylon rope instead of facing prison time for running an elite prostitution ring. Tarpon Springs police hoped the report would help squelch online speculation that someone killed 52-year-old Deborah Jeane Palfrey to keep her from identifying more prominent clients of the Washington-based escort service. Investigators determined that Palfrey had talked about suicide to Dan Moldea, a Washington writer who befriended Palfrey while considering writing a book about her. She also had transferred money from a bank account in Germany into her mother's account, apparently in preparation for her own death.

Michigan teen gets life for poisoning grandmother

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP)—A 16-year-old girl who killed her grandmother by poisoning her with morphine was sentenced Friday to life in prison with a chance for parole in 20 years. Kristina Adkins cried as she apologized for poisoning Virginia Bentley in 2006. Adkins was 13 at the time. Probate Judge Margaret Noe opted to sentence Adkins as an adult. She could have placed her in a juvenile facility until age 21 and then evaluated whether prison should be appropriate, court administrator David Stanifer said. Adkins pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on Oct. 10. Her attorney, Mike McFarland, claims she was mistreated by Bentley, 53.

Gunman arrested after Maine students held hostage

STOCKTON SPRINGS, Maine (AP)—A gunman who had been on the lam for a week held 11 fifth-graders hostage at a school Friday but was tackled outside a classroom without any harm to the children, police said. Randall Hofland, 55, had released all the students and had turned over a loaded gun to one of the young hostages before he was arrested at Stockton Springs Elementary School, authorities said. He was taken to jail and all of the school's pupils, about 80, were taken by bus to an elementary school in neighboring Searsport.

Asia

Suspected US missile strikes kill 27

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Suspected U.S. missiles slammed into two villages close to the Afghan border Friday, killing 27 people including an Arab al-Qaida operative and other foreign militants, intelligence officials said.

The new strikes raised the number of such attacks to at least 17 since August. The surge has angered many Pakistanis and put strains on a seven-year U.S. alliance with Pakistan, where rising violence is exacerbating economic problems gnawing at the nuclear-armed country's stability.

Dozens of foreign al-Qaida members, including Osama bin Laden, are believed to be hiding in northwestern Pakistan's lawless tribal areas along the Afghan frontier.

The United States rarely confirms or denies attacking suspected militant hideouts inside Pakistan and the identities of those killed are only occasionally made public. Residents frequently say that civilians, sometimes women and children, are among the dead.

The al-Qaida member reportedly killed Friday was identified as Abu Kasha Iraqi, the intelligence officials said.

Ashes of survivor of USS *Indianapolis* disaster spread at site of WWII tragedy

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP)—When the submarine USS *Ohio* surfaced at sea and Machinist Mate 1st Class Jason Witty emerged from the hatch to look around, he saw calm, blue water under a peaceful sky—perfect for the solemn task he was about to perform.

On the map, the *Ohio* was afloat in just another indistinguishable expanse of the Pacific Ocean. As Witty stood on deck holding a silver pitcher, the vessel was alone.

Just like the ill-fated USS *Indianapolis*, 63 years earlier.

The pitcher contained the ashes of Witty's grandfather, Boatswain Mate 2nd Class Eugene Morgan, who had survived the sinking of the *Indianapolis*—one of the worst tragedies for the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Morgan had died of a heart attack in June at age 87, just before Witty went to sea, and among his last wishes was the desire to be rejoined with his shipmates at roughly the same spot in the Pacific where the *Indianapolis* went down.

Witty, sitting in a wardroom of the *Ohio* at this Japanese port, recounted the Oct. 2 burial at sea, saying he had never participated in one before.

He had sheepishly asked one of the officers if his grandfather's wish could be granted. The request went up the chain of command to Capt. Dennis Carpenter, who quickly approved.

"I thought it would be an honor," Carpenter said. "And I wanted to make sure that we did it right. Sometimes on a submarine at sea, you just can't go topside. But everything seemed to be on our side."

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In July 1945, the *Indianapolis* had just completed a secret mission to the tiny island of Tinian, carrying components for a new weapon—the atomic bomb. It would later be dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in the world's first nuclear attack.

Because of its cargo, the *Indianapolis* had sailed to Tinian unescorted. Now, with that mission done, the cruiser was making its way back to Leyte, in the Philippines, with a crew of 1,196 aboard, including Eugene Morgan. Early on July 30, when the ship was still near the Marianas Islands, a Japanese I-58 submarine found the Indianapolis and launched six torpedoes, two ripping through its starboard side.

It took only 12 minutes for the *Indianapolis* to sink in the deadliest disaster at sea in U.S. naval history.

Morgan was asleep when the ship exploded into chaos.

"He was in his skivvies," Witty said. "He was tossed from his rack. There were fires. He got topside and the boat started to capsize."

Morgan jumped off the port side of the ship and slid down into the black sea.

"At some point, he found some food floating on the surface and swam toward it," Witty said. "But on the way, he was attacked by a shark."

It swam away before going in for the kill. For the rest of his life, Morgan carried scars on his backside from the attack.

Many of his shipmates weren't so fortunate. Morgan could hear their screams as they were attacked.

By the time help arrived five days later, 879 sailors were dead—from drowning, sharks, dehydration, or from injuries suffered in the attack itself. Morgan was one of only 317 to survive, floating on makeshift rafts, wreckage or clinging to each other.

The tragedy inspired the famous monologue in the movie "Jaws," in which the seasoned shark hunter played by Robert Shaw tells of the horrors of floating in the shark-infested waters while awaiting rescue.

Morgan was eventually saved when Navy seaplanes landed in the water and started to pluck out survivors. Some were hallucinating—they thought they were under attack by the Japanese again—and others were hysterical. Ships also arrived to assist in the rescue.

Only one more U.S. ship would be sunk before Japan's surrender in August 1945.

The *Indianapolis* itself has never been found.

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Morgan, a Seattle firefighter after the war, kept the experience to himself for more than four decades.

Witty, of Puyallup, Wash., joined the Navy right out of high school. Two years later, his grandfather opened up.

"I knew that he was in the war, in the Navy, but he never really talked about it until after my grandmother died," Witty said. "One day I just got up the courage, and he told me the story."

Once the door was open, Morgan began talking about the tragedy every chance he got. He was a frequent visitor at local schools and historical groups and took part in documentaries to make sure that the story of the *Indianapolis* would not be forgotten.

"I was worried that he would have bad feelings for me, being a submariner," Witty said. "It was a sub that sank his ship. But he never held that against me."

Clan war kills two, hurts 9 in RP

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—Members of two clans in the southern Philippines traded mortar fire as a long-simmering land dispute escalated into violence that left two people dead and nine others wounded, police said Friday.

The clashes between the Omar and Buclao families in Luuk town on Tulayan island lasted several hours Thursday, said Sulu provincial police Chief Julasirim Kasim.

He said the clashes subsided after police, backed by soldiers, were deployed to the island, where land parcels have been claimed by both of the Muslim clans.

Sulu Gov. Sakur Tan ordered security forces to disarm the two families, seize all illegal weapons on the island, and file criminal charges against those involved.

World

US deaths in Iraq plunge to a wartime low this October

BAGHDAD (AP)—U.S. deaths in Iraq fell in October to their lowest monthly level of the war, matching the record low of 13 fatalities suffered in July. Iraqi deaths fell to their lowest monthly levels of the year. Eight of the 13 Americans died in combat, most of them in northern Iraq where al-Qaida and other Sunni insurgent groups remain active. The U.S. military suffered 25 deaths in September and 23 in August.

In Afghanistan, meanwhile, 15 U.S. military deaths were reported for October. The monthly toll in that combat theater had been in the 20s since June, when 28 Americans were killed - the worst one-month total since that war began in late 2001.

The sharp drop in American fatalities in Iraq reflects the overall security improvements across the country following the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida and the rout suffered by Shiite extremists in fighting last spring in Basra and Baghdad.

But the decline also points to a shift in tactics by extremist groups, which U.S. commanders say are now focusing their attacks on Iraqi soldiers and police that are doing much of the fighting.

Iraqi government figures showed at least 364 Iraqis killed in October—including police, soldiers, civilians and militants.

Despite the sharp decline, the Iraqi death toll serves as a reminder that this remains a dangerous, unstable country despite the security gains, which U.S. military commanders repeatedly warn are fragile and reversible.

U.S. commanders are also worried that security could worsen if the Iraqi parliament refuses to approve a new security agreement by the end of December, when the U.N. Security Council mandate under which the coalition operates in Iraq expires.

Without a new agreement or a new U.N. mandate, U.S. military operations would have to stop. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government is pressing for changes in the draft agreement before submitting it to parliament.

AP

Journalists and workers are seen inside the Parthenon on the Acropolis of Athens on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008.

Scientists to measure earthquake effects on Greece's the Acropolis

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—For thousands of years the Acropolis has withstood earthquakes, weathered storms and endured temperature extremes, from scorching summers to winter snow. Now scientists are drawing on the latest technology to install a system that will record just how much nature is affecting the 2,500-year-old site. They hope their findings will help identify areas that could be vulnerable, allowing them to target restoration and maintenance.

Scientists are installing a network of fiber optic sensors and accelerographs - instruments that measure how much movement is generated during a quake.

"The greatest danger for our monuments at the moment is earthquakes," Dimitrios Egglezos, chief civil engineer in charge of the Acropolis' defensive circuit wall, told The Associated Press. So understanding how the structures react to the earth's movement is paramount.

Egglezos said six accelerographs are to be installed starting next week at various parts of the Acropolis: at the base of the hill, part of the way up where the geology changes, and on the Parthenon, the Acropolis' most famous monument, built between 447 and 432 B.C. in honor of the goddess Athena.

"The measurement of earthquakes and their consequences on the monuments is essential," said Maria Ioannidou, who supervises restoration work on the Acropolis.

Australia: No residency for boy with Down's

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—A German doctor hoping to gain permanent residency in Australia said Friday he will fight an immigration department decision denying his application because his son has Down syndrome. Bernhard Moeller came to Australia with his family two years ago to help fill a doctor shortage in a rural area of Victoria state.

His temporary work visa is valid until 2010, but his application for permanent residency was rejected this week. The immigration department said Moeller's 13-year-old son, Lukas, "did not meet the health requirement."

"A medical officer of the Commonwealth assessed that his son's existing medical condition was likely to result in a significant and ongoing cost to the Australian community," a departmental spokesman said in a statement issued Thursday by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

"This is not discrimination. A disability in itself is not grounds for failing the health requirement—it is a question of the cost implications to the community," the statement said.

Focus

Adopted countries shape US expats' voting decision

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AMERICA VOTES

JERUSALEM (AP)—Tova Weinberg is a lifelong Democrat, but she's voting for John McCain.

Weinberg, 54, isn't attracted by McCain's position on the economy or the Iraq war. Like many of her compatriots living in Israel, she is voting for the candidate she believes will be best for her adopted country.

It's a pattern seen around the world. While the millions of Americans living abroad remain connected to home, they view the election through the distant lens of their new surroundings. As the old adage says, all politics truly are local.

In Israel, the main issue is the country's security. In Mexico, it's trade ties, and in Russia, the deteriorating relations with Washington. Almost everywhere, Americans want a leader who is capable of dealing with the global financial meltdown and—even more important—of fixing what is widely seen as a U.S. image tarnished by the Iraq war and the Bush administration's go-it-alone foreign policy.

"We've been on the front lines and we've seen the reputation of the U.S. plummet. That has motivated people to vote," said Margo Miller, a Democratic activist in Britain.

For Weinberg, a retired dentist who splits her time between Pittsburgh and Jerusalem, voting Republican was not easy. She describes herself as a "die-hard liberal Democrat" raised on the values of the civil rights era.

"I was so excited when Obama was up and coming," said Weinberg, who now runs a Jewish dating service. She first had doubts about Barack Obama over his relationship with the incendiary pastor Jeremiah Wright, and was further upset when Obama said he was willing to speak to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has repeatedly called for Israel's destruction.

Obama says dialogue might be the best way to keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, but Weinberg does not see it that way.

"To me, as a Jew, that's like having diplomatic relations with Hitler," she said. "As a result, he lost my vote."

Such feelings are apparently common in Israel. While Jews in the U.S. have traditionally voted Democratic, the 250,000 Americans living in Israel appear to overwhelmingly support McCain, said Israeli-American political analyst Mitchell Barak. He estimated 70 percent of the roughly 40,000 votes expected to be cast in Israel will be for the Republican.

In contrast to Israel—where both parties have held rallies and registration drives—the election is generating little enthusiasm among the about 40,000 Palestinian-Americans in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Palestinians view the U.S. as biased toward Israel, and few are expected to vote.

"The candidates are not interested in Arabs and their causes," said Walid al-Sous, 52, a former New Yorker who runs a pizzeria in the West Bank city of Ramallah. He said he did not bother to register.

In all, an estimated 6 million Americans living overseas are eligible to vote, according to the federal Election Assistance Commission, though far fewer will likely cast ballots.

Almost 1 million people requested ballots in 2006 midterm elections, but it's estimated only about 330,000 votes came from abroad. Hundreds of thousands of ballots never reached expatriate voters—apparently because of outdated addresses—and many others were rejected for various irregularities, such as arriving too late.

Susan Dzieduszycka-Suinat, president of the Overseas Vote Foundation, a nonprofit group that helps expats register and vote, said she expects about 2 million people to vote this time, including about 500,000 military personnel.

With many absentee voters coming from battleground states, including Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, their votes could make a difference. "Overseas votes are a wild card," Dzieduszycka-Suinat said. "They can be deciding votes."

But it's hard to say which candidate will benefit.

A series of global polls in recent months have shown that foreigners overwhelmingly favor Obama over McCain—largely a reflection of Bush's deep unpopularity overseas. The surveys have found especially heavy support for Obama in many close U.S. allies like Australia, Canada and countries in western Europe.

It's not clear whether American expats share these views, although the country's poor image is clearly on the minds of many.

"The most important issue is the war and its impact on American's image abroad," said Doretta Dow-Freidl, a 47-year-old yoga teacher in Berlin. "After 9/11, Europeans gave America massive sympathy, but Bush has really blown it." She already mailed her absentee ballot, cast for Obama, to her home district in Lady Lake, Florida.

Miki Bowman, chairwoman of Republicans Abroad in the United Kingdom, said she expects McCain's strong foreign policy credentials to appeal to many expats. The estimated 300,000 Americans in Britain include a large number of military personnel—some 10,000 Americans live on U.S. air bases—and Bowman said they tended to be conservative.

In Mexico, political activists said interest in the election is high in the world's largest U.S. expat community, estimated at 1.2 million.

Larry Rubin, head of Republicans Abroad Mexico, believes about two-thirds of Americans in Mexico are Republicans. He said voters there have been drawn by McCain's support for the North America Free Trade Agreement and oppose Obama's ties with labor unions.

But Tess Wheelwright, a 26-year-old from Massachusetts living in Mexico City, said she wanted to help make history by voting for the first black president: "I don't want to have to tell future generations I didn't vote for Obama," she said.

In Japan, registration among Americans is up 50 percent from 2004, said Lauren Shannon, head of the Democrats Abroad in Tokyo, adding that voters were concerned mainly with "plans to get out of the current economic crisis."

Andrew Hardisty, chairman of Democrats Abroad in Moscow, said the relatively few Americans there make the U.S. expatriate community like a "small town" where partisan sentiment is held in check. Both Republicans and Democrats worry about the poor state of American-Russian relations, he added.

Anne Martin, 43, a native of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, who has lived in the Philippines for four years, said America's faltering reputation overseas decided her vote.

"I just thought Obama is going to bring a nice face to the Americans abroad again," she said. "He's got a good way of dealing with the world."

AP writers Shawna Ohm in Jerusalem, Mohammed Daraghmeh in Ramallah, West Bank, Gregory Katz in London, William Peacock in Berlin, Maria Gallucci in Mexico City, Oliver Teves in Manila, Philippines, Shino Yuasa in Tokyo, and Douglas Birch in Moscow contributed to this report.

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Benjamin Littell, 4, who became impatient while waiting with his mother to vote, starts to erase the sign set out at city hall for absentee voters, in Portland, Maine, on Monday, October 27, 2008.

WHERE THEY STAND

By WILLIAM C. MANN
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Here are some foreign policy issues that the next U.S. president probably will have to wrestle with:

AFGHANISTAN

McCain: Favors unspecified increase in U.S. forces.

Obama: Would bring about 7,000 troops from the Iraq war to reinforce the U.S. force of 36,000.

CHINA

Both candidates have portrayed China occasionally as partner but more often as adversary. They have attacked Beijing for what they see as China's failure to live up to its duties as an emerging global superpower. The candidates also recognize that the United States needs China, a veto-holding member of the U.N. Security Council, for action to press nuclear nonproliferation in Iran and North Korea.

CUBA

McCain: Would ease restrictions on Cuba once the United States is "confident that the transition to a free and open democracy is being made" from the communist system Fidel Castro implemented a half-century ago.

Obama: Would make family visits in Cuba by Cuban-American families easier and let them send money to relatives in Cuba. Open to meeting new Cuban leader Raul Castro without preconditions. Ease trade embargo if Havana "begins opening Cuba to meaningful democratic change."

GLOBAL WARMING

McCain: Favors mandatory reductions of greenhouse gases, which are carbon dioxide and other emissions that poison the atmosphere. Advocates market-based cap-and-trade systems that would set emission limits for companies. Wants cuts that would bring emissions of greenhouse gases to 60 percent below 1990 levels.

Obama: Generally favors same restrictions and cap-and-trade remedy as McCain. Differs from McCain, however, in the structure of his cap-and-trade plan and emission-reduction targets. Wants cuts that would bring emissions of greenhouse gases to 80 percent below 1990 levels.

GUANTANAMO BAY PRISON

McCain: Says Guantanamo should be closed, prisoners moved to a U.S. Army prison in Kansas. Wants to negotiate international agreement on how to handle dangerous detainees. Criticized U.S. Supreme Court ruling that Guantanamo prisoners could contest detentions in U.S. courts. Sponsored anti-torture legislation and was a primary supporter of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, which established a military-run tribunal system for prosecuting enemy combatants separate from the federal courts.

Obama: Says Guantanamo should be closed and de-

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THREE WISE GUYS

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Washington Post offers Three Wise Guys, advice on life and other stuff from the male perspective, perpetrated by Post staffers, from left, Justin Rude, Joe Heim and Dan Zak. It may not be professional advice, but their responses to reader questions serve up a deft handling of any conceivable topic.

Foreign labels, family ties, grouchy models

By JOE HEIM, JUSTIN RUDE and DAN ZAK

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Dear Wise Guys: When I go to the (regular) grocery store I see lots of foods with just Spanish labeling (or in another foreign language). It looks interesting, and I might want to buy it, but I can't tell what in the hell it is. Or if I am going to break out in hives or put on 10 pounds from it. Or how long before it expires. Is that legal? Shouldn't all food labels be in English as well?—Donna

Jose: Una pregunta muy interesante, Donna. Me puse en contacto con la Administracion de Comidas y Drogas (or: la FDA) y me dijeron.

Justin: I think it's probably better if you answer this in English.

Joe: Oh, right. OK, well, we checked with the Food and Drug Administration, and spokesman Michael Herndon e-mailed this response: "All food sold in the U.S. has to be labeled in English (only food sold in Puerto Rico may be in Spanish only). Manufacturers can use a foreign language on the label, but all mandatory language must be in that language and English." So check to see if there isn't English as well as Spanish on the label. If not, you can notify the FDA.

Justin: Or Homeland Security.

Dan: Or the Minutemen.

Jose: Minutohombres.

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Dear Wise Guys: I often hear people refer to someone as their cousin twice removed or third aunt, and I was wondering what does that mean? How can someone be removed? Or a second or third?— Maryanne

Joe: I have a number of cousins once or twice removed, and they're all in jail. I think it means the number of times they've been incarcerated.

Justin: It works differently outside Joe's home town of Philadelphia. The system of removes and degrees (first, second, third, etc.) applies only to cousins. Removes designate the generational difference between two cousins. Degrees are determined by the closest shared ancestor (say, a grandparent). For example, your (first) cousin's child would be your first cousin once removed. If you had a child, those two kids would be second cousins, and they wouldn't be at all removed because (stay with me here) they would be on the same generational plane.

Therefore, the great-grandchild of my granduncle is my second cousin once removed.

Dan: I'm cross-eyed. Genealogy should be taught between geometry and trig.

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A few weeks ago we explained why runway models always have such pained expressions on their faces. (Our answer: They're trying not to fall! And they're hungry!) That prompted reader Marion Gurfein, of Arlington, Va., to send along a poem she wrote "in 1937 when I was 17!" We liked it so much, we're reprinting it here and proclaiming Ms. Gurfein the official poet laureate of Three Wise Guys. Love ya, Marion, and thanks for reading:

"Ode to a Mannequin"

As out of the pages
Of Vogue you stare,
With your haughty demeanor
And frigid air,
I sometimes find
I am forced to think
As I see you swathed
In luxurious mink
With your snowy ermine
And Suzy labels
And shapely chin
Sunk in sumptuous sables,
With your perfectly tailored
Impeccable tweeds
And new Schiaparelli
Embellished with beads,
With your glorified coiffure
And shimmering gems,
And coy Paris sandals
'Neath fluttering hems,
Just why in the midst
Of this glory appeased
Must you, dearest model,
Look so darned displeased?

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The Wise Guys are working on a special column in honor of their one-year anniversary, or MANiversary. Please send extra-special questions, ideas and congratulations to wiseguys@washpost.com.

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This week's motto: This IS Our Day Job (submitted by Catherine Howell, of Arlington.)

Police: Gun found in lot used in Hudson slayings

CHICAGO (AP)—Police confirmed Friday they found the gun used in the killings of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew, as the family's South Side community prepared a public memorial to say goodbye.

The .45-caliber gun was discovered Wednesday in a vacant lot in the West Side neighborhood where the body of Hudson's 7-year-old nephew Julian King was found a few days earlier inside an SUV. The bodies of Hudson's 57-year-old mother Darnell Donerson and her 29-year-old brother Jason Hudson were discovered in the family's home last Friday.

"The weapon has been positively identified through forensic examination as the weapon that was used in the homicides," police Superintendent Jody Weis said at an unrelated Friday news conference.

Police were "extraordinarily pleased and satisfied" the weapon had been identified, but much work remained in the case, Weis said.

A police official has said detectives think Hudson's nephew was alive when he left the house where his relatives were killed and likely was shot in the SUV where his body was found. The police official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the case publicly, would not elaborate on when detectives think the boy might have died.

Palin might not be permitted to cash in on fame

NEW YORK (AP)—If her bid for vice president fails, Gov. Sarah Palin could almost surely use her sudden fame to obtain a lucrative book deal or high fees on the lecture circuit, or even get her own TV talk show. But Alaska law might not allow it.

A provision of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act restricts outside employment. It says: "The head of a principal executive department of the state may not accept employment for compensation outside the agency that the executive head serves."

Senior Assistant Attorney General David Jones said the section likely applies to the governor but it's not clear what constitutes "employment."

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This Oct. 29, 2008 file photo shows Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin speaks at a rally in front of Ross County Courthouse in Chillicothe, Ohio.

"Clearly, the intent of the statute is to make it clear these are full-time jobs. If you are a commissioner, for example, you can't be working in the private sector. But does that mean you can't go out and give a speech now and then for an honorarium? I don't know. I don't know that we have interpreted it for that purpose in the past," Jones said.

Palin, 44, was little known beyond Alaska before John McCain chose her in August to be his running mate on the Republican ticket. Although she has been widely criticized as too inexperienced to handle the presidency, Palin consistently draws large crowds and is considered an attractive and dynamic presence, receiving high praise for her appearance Oct. 19 on "Saturday Night Live."

"It's not unimaginable that Ms. Palin, who once worked as a television sports reporter, could someday follow (Ronald) Reagan's path in reverse and cash in her political renown to become a show-business celebrity," New York Times critic Alessandra Stanley wrote.

"One thing everybody can agree on is that Gov. Sarah Palin is qualified—to someday host her own television show."

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tainees allowed to challenge their detention. Criticized Bush administration for neglecting to develop a military justice system to ensure those held were suspected terrorists instead of people "accidentally accused." Praised Supreme Court decision on civilian courts. Voted against the Military Commissions Act of 2006.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

McCain: Strongly advocates free trade and bilateral agreements to guarantee it despite growing opposition to them in the United States. Has opposed U.S. agricultural subsidies that have been a major impediment to a new global trade deal.

Obama: Says he supports free trade but wants to renegotiate portions of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement among the United States, Canada and Mexico to impose stronger enforcement of labor and environmental standards.

IRAN

McCain: Favors tougher sanctions, opposes direct high-level talks with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Obama: Initially said he would meet Ahmadinejad without preconditions, now says he's not sure "Ahmadinejad is the right person to meet with right now." But says direct diplomacy with Iranian leaders would give U.S. more credibility to press for tougher international sanctions. Says he would intensify diplomatic pressure on Tehran before Israel feels the need to take unilateral military action against Iranian nuclear facilities.

IRAQ

McCain: Opposes a scheduled troop withdrawal but says the current strategy is winning the war. Supported Bush's decision to go to war but was critical from early on about how the war was waged. Is willing to have U.S. peacekeeping forces in Iraq for an indefinite period.

Obama: Spoke against the war at the start, when he was a state senator in Illinois, and opposed the troop increase last year. Voted against a major military spending bill in May 2007, but otherwise voted for money to prosecute the war. He says as commander in chief, he would withdraw U.S. combat troops within 16 months.

ISRAEL-PALESTINIANS

McCain: Says he would work to maintain Israel's "qualitative military edge" over Arab states and Iran. Says he supports Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Supports Israeli-Palestinian negotiations toward a two-state solution of their six-decade-old conflict.

Obama: Has said his policy toward Israel is the same as McCain's. He once said nobody suffers more than the Palestinians but added later that he meant they suffered from not recognizing Israel and renouncing violence. Has endorsed Bush's two-state solution.

MISSILE DEFENSE:

McCain: Ardent supporter of U.S. plans to build a European missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Obama: Has expressed skepticism about the amount of money the United States is spending on missile defense. Supports deploying the European missile defense system but only after it has been tested properly to prove its effectiveness, which could delay it for years.

NATO EXPANSION:

Both candidates support extending NATO membership to Ukraine and Georgia, former Soviet republics, despite Russian objections.

NORTH KOREA

McCain: Has criticized Obama's statement, early in the campaign, that he would be willing to meet unconditionally with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il. Indicates skepticism that North Korea's "totalitarian regime" is "truly committed to verifiable denuclearization."

Obama: Distances himself from the hard-line policies that Bush adopted in his first term by playing up his willingness to continue direct talks with North Korea, which Bush only recently embraced. Favors a strong international coalition to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

PAKISTAN

McCain: Advocates continued U.S. cooperation with Pakistan's new government against alien terror cells and camps in northwestern Pakistan. Suggested in late 2007 a long-term U.S. commitment to the rid Pakistan of terrorists. Said in a September presidential debate that he would not say "out loud" that he would launch military strikes into Pakistan, criticizing Obama for doing just that.

Obama: Has said he would authorize unilateral military action inside Pakistan should al-Qaida terrorists be found there and Pakistan "cannot or will not act." He calls Afghanistan and Pakistan "the central front in our war against al-Qaida." Blames concentration of terrorists in Pakistan on failed U.S. military strategy in Iraq.

RUSSIA

McCain: Has been a harsh critic of Russia's government over its aggressive foreign policy and its record on democratic reform and human rights. Has advocated isolating Moscow on the international stage, including its expulsion from the Group of Eight industrial countries.

Obama: Has made similar criticisms but argues that Russia is too important to isolate. Has urged continuing cooperation on issues including nuclear anti-proliferation and anti-terror.

SUDAN-DARFUR

McCain: Has recommended creation of a worldwide "League of Democracies" to handle crisis points such as Sudan's embattled Darfur region. Says the league would avoid difficulties at the United Nations that might arise because of China and Russia's Security Council veto powers.

Obama: Wants a no-fly zone to contain government-sponsored violence in Darfur, ideally under the United Nations flag. Signed a statement last May with other Democratic candidates that condemned the violence and said the Sudanese government is chiefly responsible for it and could end it.

Associated Press writers Foster Klug and Desmond Butler contributed to this report.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Terkel dies at 96

CHICAGO (AP)—Studs Terkel, the ageless master of listening and speaking, a broadcaster, activist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose best-selling oral histories celebrated the common people he liked to call the "non-celebrated," died Friday. He was 96.

Dan Terkell said his father died at home, and described his death as "peaceful, no agony. This is what he wanted."

"My dad led a long, full, eventful, sometimes tempestuous, but very satisfying life," Terkell, who spells his name with an extra letter, said in a statement issued through his father's colleague and close friend Thom Clark.

He was a native New Yorker who moved to Chicago as a child and came to embrace and embody his adopted town, with all its "carbuncles and warts," as he recalled in his 2007 memoir, "Touch and Go." He was a cigar and martini man, white-haired and elegantly rumpled in his trademark red-checkered shirts, an old rebel who never mellowed, never retired, never forgot, and "never met a picket line or petition I didn't like."

"A lot of people feel, 'What can I do, (it's) hopeless,'" Terkel told The Associated Press in 2003. "Well, through all these years there have been the people I'm talking about, whom we call activists ... who give us hope and through them we have hope."

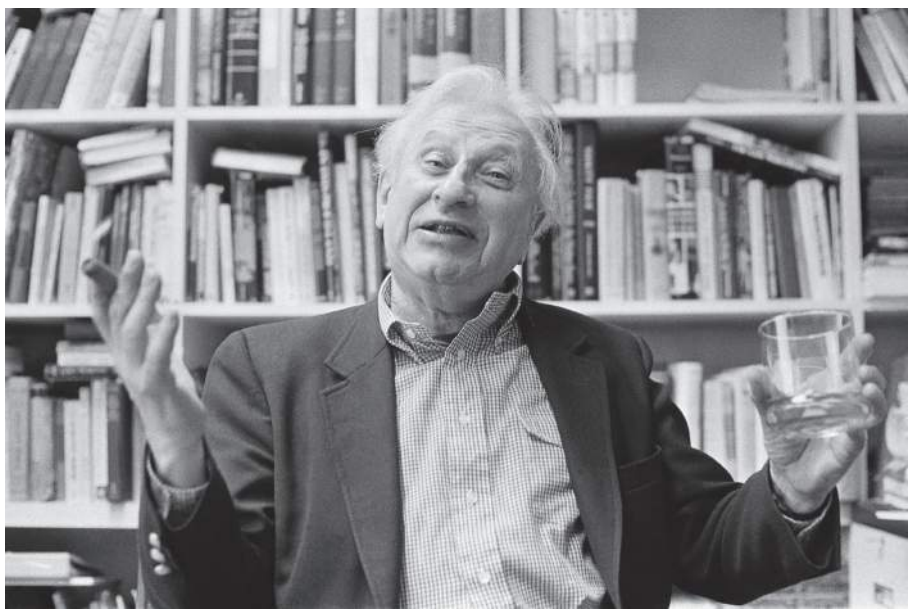
The tougher the subject, the harder Terkel took it on. He put out an oral history collection on race relations in 1992 called "Race: How Blacks and Whites Think and Feel About The American Obsession," and, in 1995, "Coming of Age," recollections of men and women 70 and older.

He cared about what divided us, and what united us: death - in his 2001 "Will the Circle Be Unbroken? Reflections on Death, Rebirth, and Hunger for a Faith," and hope, in his 2003 "Hope Dies Last."

Terkel won a 1985 Pulitzer Prize for "The Good War," remembrances of World War II; contrasted rich and poor along the same Chicago street in "Division Street: America," 1966; limned the Depression in "Hard Times," 1970; and chronicled how people feel about their jobs in "Working," 1974.

"When the Chinese Wall was built, where did the masons go for lunch? When Caesar conquered Gall, was there not even a cook in the army? And here's the big one, when the Armada sank, you read that King Philip wept. Were there no other tears?" Terkel said upon receiving an honorary National Book Award medal in 1997. "And that's what I believe oral history is about. It's about those who shed those other tears, who on rare occasions of triumph laugh that other laugh."

For his oral histories, Terkel interviewed his subjects on tape, then transcribed and sifted. "What first comes out of an interview are tons of ore; you have to get that gold dust in your hands," he wrote in his memoir. "Now, how does it become a necklace or a ring or a gold watch? You have to get the form; you have to mold the gold dust."



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This April 24, 1985 file photo shows author Studs Terkel celebrating after winning the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for his novel, "The Good War," inside his office at WFMT-FM Studio in Chicago.

Said Andre Schiffrin, Terkel's longtime editor, publisher and close friend: "He liked to tell the story of an interview with a woman in a public housing unit in Chicago. At the end of the interview, the woman said, `My goodness, I didn't know I felt that way.' That was his genius."

He also was a syndicated radio talk show host, voice of gangsters on old radio soaps, jazz critic, actor in the 1988 film "Eight Men Out," and survivor of the 1950s blacklist.

In 1999, a panel of judges organized by the Modern Library, a book publisher, picked "Working" as No. 54 on its list of the century's 100 best English-language works of nonfiction. And in 2006, the Library of Congress announced that a radio interview he did with author James Baldwin in September 1962 was selected for the National Recording Registry of sound recordings worthy of preservation. Terkel's other interview subjects included Louis Armstrong, Buster Keaton, Marlon Brando and Bob Dylan.

Terkel's politics were liberal, vintage FDR. He would never forget the many New Deal programs from the Great Depression and worried that the country suffered from "a national Alzheimer's disease" that made government the perceived enemy. In a 1992 interview with the AP, he advocated "pressure from below, from the grass roots. That means the people who live and work in cities—that used to be called the working class, although now everyone says middle class."

Terkel was born Louis Terkel on May 16, 1912, in the Bronx. His father, Samuel, was a tailor; his mother, Anna, a seamstress. The family moved to Chicago in 1922 and ran a rooming house where young Louis would meet the workers and activists who would profoundly influence his view of the world.

"It was those loners - argumentative ones, deceptively quiet ones, the talkers and the walkers - who, always engaged in something outside themselves, unintentionally became my mentors," Terkel wrote in "Touch and Go."

He got the nickname Studs as a young man, from the character Studs Lonigan, the protagonist of James T. Farrell's beloved trilogy of novels about an Irish-American youth from Chicago's South Side.

Terkel graduated from the University of Chicago in 1932, studying philosophy, and also picked up a law degree. But instead of choosing law, he worked briefly in the civil service and then found employment in radio with one of his beloved "alphabet agencies" from the New Deal, the WPA Writers Project.

His early work as a stage actor led to radio acting, disc jockey jobs and then to radio interview shows beginning in the 1940s. From 1949 to 1952, he was the star of a national TV show, "Studs' Place," a program of largely improvised stories and songs set in a fictional bar (later a restaurant) owned by Studs. Some viewers even thought it was a real place and would go looking for it in Chicago.

The McCarthy-era antipathy toward activists cost him his national TV outlet. But his radio interview show flourished, first at WFMT in Chicago and then, through syndication, in many markets.

As his editor sponsored elaborate parties to celebrate his 95th birthday and the release of his 2007 memoir, "Touch and Go," Terkel reflected on a career spent writing about those who rarely heard their stories told.

"My discovery was people needed to be needed by others, need to count; that's the word," he said in an interview with the AP.

He also joked about his long life: "Curiosity did not kill this cat."

Alton Miller, an associate dean of the School of Media Arts at Columbia College Chicago and a friend of Terkel's for more than 20 years, said Terkel hoped to live to see Barack Obama elected president.

Obama called Terkel a Chicago institution and national treasure.

"His writings, broadcasts, and interviews shed light on what it meant to be an American in the 20th century," Obama said in a statement Friday night. "He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, all who loved him, and all whose lives were enriched by the American stories he told."

Fox's long-running 'King of the Hill' canceled

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"King of the Hill" is over the hill at Fox, which is canceling the long-running animated comedy.

Final episodes of the half-hour series, now in its 13th year, likely will air during the 2009-10 season, Fox said Friday. The network recently ordered 13 new episodes, and animated series have a long production schedule.

"King of the Hill" chronicles the life of blue-collar family man Hank Hill of Texas and his family and friends. Hank is voiced by series co-creator and executive producer Mike Judge. Others in the cast include Kathy Najimy, Brittany Murphy and Stephen Root.

The picture is brighter for another Sunday night animated show on Fox, "American Dad," which was renewed for its fifth season. It has posted single-digit ratings gains among advertiser-favored young adult viewers and total viewers.

Ratings for "King of the Hill" have been relatively flat early this season.

"American Dad" is about Stan Smith, a dedicated conservative, and his oddball family in Langley, Va. Series co-creator and executive producer Seth MacFarlane voices Stan in the series, which also features the voices of Wendy Schaal, Rachael MacFarlane and Scott Grimes.

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In this undated handout released by Geranger Ltd on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, an artists impression of the U2 Tower is seen.

Dublin shelves plans for U2 Tower

DUBLIN,Ireland(AP)—Plans to build the tallest building in Ireland—with new recording studios for Irish supergroup U2 on top—were suspended Friday because of Dublin's slumping property market and slide into recession.

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority said it remains committed to building the long-planned U2 Tower, but a souring economy at home and abroad means the project must be shelved. It expressed hope of reopening negotiations with potential developers within 12 months.

"The objective is to see this landmark project completed. However, given the current unfavorable economic environment, more time is needed at this juncture," the Dublin development agency said in a statement, adding it was "confident that these economic uncertainties are short- to medium-term."

The project shelving caps a six-year struggle and three rounds of architectural competition to build a U2 Tower. It raises doubts about whether the current lavish design, by world-renowned British architect Norman Foster, will ever get beyond the draftsman's board.

The projected 200 million euro ($250 million) construction would have dominated the low-rise skyline of Dublin, where conservationists have successfully shot down other skyscraper projects.

But Foster's U2 Tower presumed the sale of more than 180 apartments at more than 1 million euros (US$1.3 million) each. That might have been easy as recently as a year ago—when Irish investors were still pouring money into luxury apartments and town houses—but seems far-fetched now.

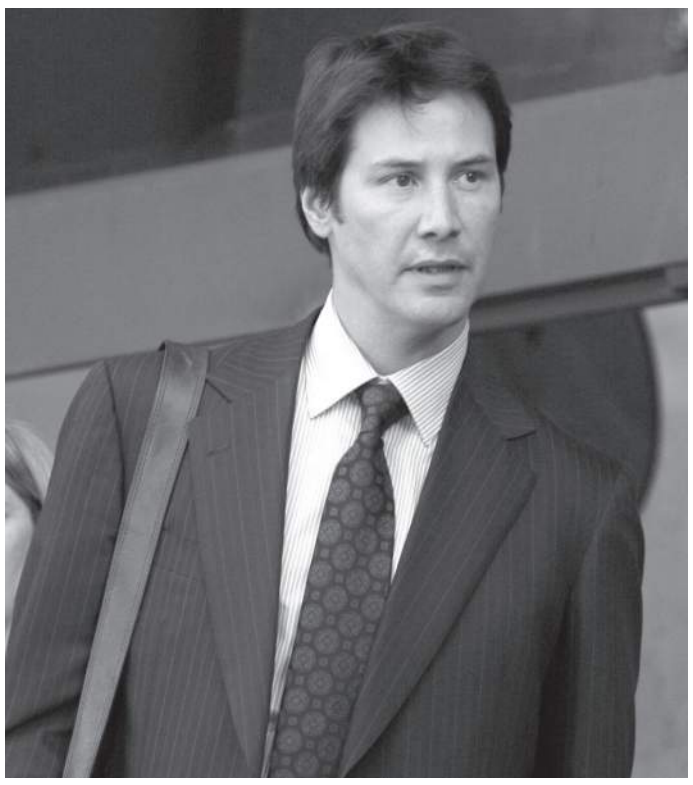
Ireland this year became the first member of the 15-nation euro zone to fall into recession and a decade-old boom in property prices fell swiftly into reverse, bringing sales activity to a standstill. An estimated 20,000 newly built residences lie unsold in this country of 4.2 million.

Foster envisioned a 120-meter (400-foot) triangular tower on the south bank of Dublin's River Liffey with an egg-shaped pod housing U2's new recording studios on top. That would give Bono and his bandmates a view at least twice as tall as any other building in Dublin.

The proposed roof also would house wind-generated electrical turbines and solar paneling, while two sides would be metal-paneled to look like fish scales. Riverside traffic would be permitted to flow through the base of the building.

Bono, guitarist The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and drummer Larry Mullen all would have had a financial stake in the U2 Tower because they are partial owners of a development consortium awarded the construction contract last year. That agreement now has been set aside.

Pap's suit vs Keanu goes to jury



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Actor Keanu Reeves, leaves the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Los Angeles on Monday, Oct 27, 2008.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles jury on Friday began deliberating a paparazzo's claim that actor Keanu Reeves knocked him down with his Porsche and permanently injured his wrist.

Attorneys for both sides issued their closing arguments before the jury deliberated about five minutes and left for the weekend. Jurors will resume work Monday.

The attorney for Alison Silva, who claims he was hit by the "Speed" actor in March 2007 while Reeves was behind the wheel of his Porsche, asked the jury to award Silva $711,974, which includes medical bills, loss of wages and punitive damages. Silva's attorney Joseph Farzam said in his closing argument he was a fan of Reeves but continually contended the actor was "a little careless."

"Would a reasonably careful person keep driving forward?" Farzam asked the jury.

Reeves' attorney, Alfred Gerisch, described Silva as a "paparazzo gone wild" in his closing argument and focused on Silva's contradictory statements to doctors, deputies and witnesses about what happened. Gerisch also replayed a video of the Brazilian-born paparazzo using his supposedly damaged left hand to hold onto razor wire atop a fence to shoot video of Britney Spears.

"You have some ability to stop what Mr. Silva does," Gerisch said.

Reeves was in the courtroom Friday for the proceedings. Before Gerisch presented his closing argument, the actor asked his attorney to move his podium so it wasn't blocking Silva's attorney in the cramped courtroom. The star of "The Matrix" trilogy and the upcoming remake of "The Day the Earth Stood Still" has remained in the courtroom throughout the trial, occasionally conferring with his lawyers.

McCain set for 'SNL' cameo

WASHINGTON (AP)—My friends, it's John McCain, live from New York, just three days before the election. Aides to the Republican presidential candidate said Friday that McCain will make a detour from battleground states to appear on "Saturday Night Live," the late-night show that has been a must-watch for many during the political season.

Hosting the show this Saturday is actor Ben Affleck, a supporter of Democratic candidate Barack Obama. The musical guest is singer David Cook.

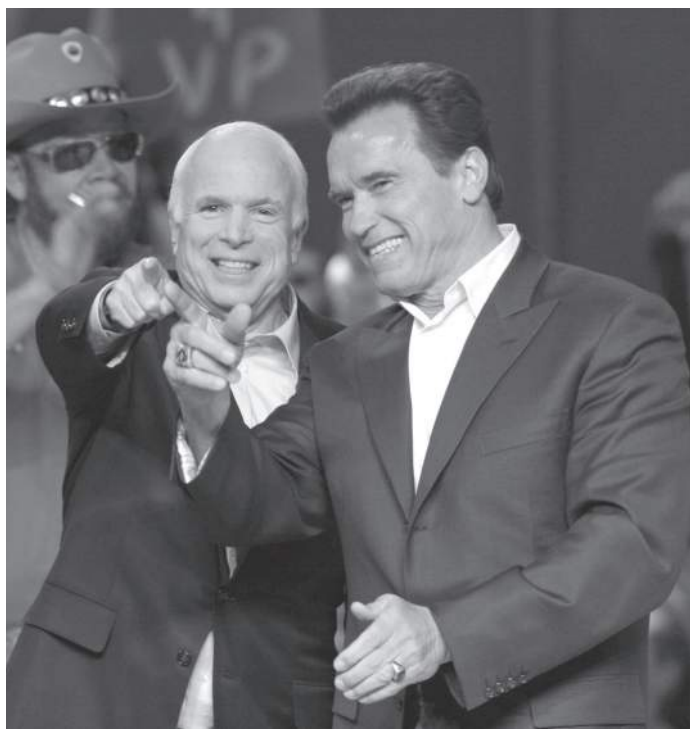
When McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, appeared on the show Oct. 18, "Saturday Night Live" earned its best ratings in 14 years. Former star and head writer Tina Fey, a Palin lookalike, has been at the center of the show's recent parodies of the campaign.

"SNL" regular Darrell Hammond impersonates McCain on the late-night show, now in its 34th season.

McCain last appeared on "Saturday Night Live" in May, after clinching the nomination and while the Democratic primary continued. The 72-year-old Arizona senator joked about his age, saying: "I ask you, what should we be looking for in our next president? Certainly, someone who is very, very, very old."

When McCain hosted "SNL" in 2002, he mocked singer Barbra Streisand's political advocacy by performing a medley of her songs.

Obama appeared on "Saturday Night Live" briefly last season but canceled a return for its season opener in September, citing the devastation brought to parts of the country by Hurricane Ike.



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., left, and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger arrive at a rally Friday, Oct. 31, 2008 at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

Springsteen posts Halloween song on Web site

RUMSON, N.J. (AP)—Bruce Springsteen has a Halloween treat for his fans.

The rocker has posted a free download of a new song, "A Night With the Jersey Devil," on his Web site. The song has a blues beat, and Springsteen sings about "16 witches casting 16 spells."

Springsteen

Writes Springsteen: "If you grew up in central or south Jersey you grew up with the 'Jersey Devil.' Here's a little musical Halloween treat. Have fun!"

There's also a video showing Springsteen as the legendary Jersey Devil.

Fashion designer's serial rape case goes to jury

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The serial rape case of fashion designer is in the hands of a Los Angeles jury.

Anand Jon Alexander's defense attorney told the jury during closing arguments Friday that his client should be acquitted because his accusers are lying to get revenge.

Prosecutors say Alexander humiliated and degraded nine naive girls who came to Hollywood with dreams of fame and should be found guilty.

The 34-year-old fashion designer faces 27 counts, including forcible rape and committing lewd acts on a child, stemming from assaults that allegedly happened between 2001 and 2007.

The alleged victims ranged in age from 14 to 21, and most were aspiring models.

If convicted of all counts, Alexander faces up to life in prison.

Couple pleads guilty to selling drugs to Winehouse

In this June 27, 2008 file photo, British singer Amy Winehouse performs at the 46664 charity concert in honor of Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday in London.

AP

LONDON (AP)—A British couple who sold video footage of singer Amy Winehouse apparently smoking crack to a newspaper have pleaded guilty to drug charges.

Johnny Blagrove and Cara Burton admitted in court Friday they offered to supply drugs, including cocaine and ecstasy, to Winehouse.

Prosecutors say the pair covertly filmed Winehouse and sold the footage to The Sun newspaper. In January the paper published the images, which appeared to show the singer smoking crack cocaine.

Detectives decided there was not enough evidence to charge Winehouse but they charged the couple. Prosecutor Sean Larkin says police who raided the couple's home found a list of celebrities they supplied with drugs, including Winehouse.

A judge ordered the couple to return Nov. 28 for sentencing.

Boss's political pontificating wears out those around him

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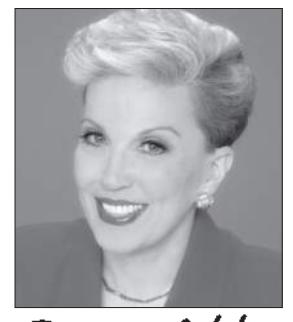

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I work for a small, family-owned business. The owner has strong political views and insists on listening to a political talk show during the afternoon, with the volume turned up quite loud.

My boss assumes that his views are everyone else's and talks to customers as if his opinion is gospel. I have watched them roll their eyes and try to get away. I have worked here for three years, and I can't take it anymore. My coworkers say I can't say anything because he owns the business, and he can do whatever he wants. I have looked for another job, but this is a small town and jobs are scarce.

I think it's inappropriate to force one's political views on anyone, especially employees and customers. What's your take on this?

FED UP IN NEW YORK

DEAR FED UP: I agree with you. However, all too often, zealous members of both parties are unable to resist the temptation to spout off—especially during an election year. I don't know what business your employer is in, but if anyone else in your town performs the same service without the political arm-twisting, it could cost him some customers.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-boyfriend has cerebral palsy. I have loved him for more than a year, regardless of his condition. He broke up with me because he didn't think he could love someone if he didn't love himself.

We are still good friends and care for each other. He often asks me what he can do to feel better. What can I do to help him feel better about himself?

HELPING A FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HELPING: Offer him this advice: The surest way to start feeling better would be to stop focusing on his disability and concentrate instead on his abilities. I'm sure he possesses many unique qualities that make him special—and you can list them if you like. But until he is willing to recognize that he has those qualities, he won't accept it.

Counseling could help him tear down the barriers he is building around himself. Independent-living centers provide help for people with disabilities, and I'm sure one in your area could put him in touch with someone who is qualified to talk to him—including a peer.

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DEAR ABBY: I have had an on-again, off-again relationship with this guy, "Dustin," for more than five years. We are now "off" again, but I can't stop thinking about him.

I dream about Dustin quite often. It was my decision to end the relationship because I was tired of wasting my time. We get along well, but he lies and cheats. He calls and hangs up and texts me periodically, but I haven't spoken with him in more than two months.

I love Dustin dearly, and the love I feel for him never changes. Even though I am living without him, I can't help but wonder if he is really my soul mate. Is there really such a thing as a soul mate?

LOST IN LOVE IN RIVERDALE, ILL.

DEAR LOST: The American Heritage College Dictionary (Fourth Edition) defines "soul mate" as "one of two persons compatible with each other in disposition, point of view or sensitivity"—and, yes, there really is such a thing.

However, from your description of the way Dustin has treated you, this man is decidedly not it. Because you can't get him out of your head, Dustin qualifies as your obsession, not your soul mate.

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Fans roar as Phillies parade through city

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Manager Charlie Manuel hoisted the World Series trophy Friday while players basked in a swarm of confetti, the Phanatic mascot danced and hundreds of thousands of Phillies fans roared in celebration of the city's first major sports championship in 25 years.

Left fielder Pat Burrell led the procession, riding a horse-drawn carriage and pumping his fists. Next came eight flatbed trucks filled with waving players and other members of the Phillies organization, including the furry green mascot.

Throngs in Phillies gear packed downtown sidewalks, making them almost impassable. Fans climbed trees, hung out of windows, watched from balconies, carried stepladders and stood on roofs to get a better view.

Center fielder Shane Victorino tossed soft pretzels to the crowd while shortstop Jimmy Rollins turned his handheld video camera on the gathering.

World Series MVP Cole Hamels tried to fist bump a fan dressed like Philly's favorite fictional boxer, Rocky Balboa, but authorities intervened before they quite pulled it off.

The last time a Philadelphia team won a major title was in 1983, when the 76ers captured the NBA crown. The Phillies won their only other World Series in 1980. Current pitcher Jamie Moyer, who grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs, skipped school to attend it.

"This is unbelievable. I'm starting to understand what it's really all about here," Moyer told The Associated Press as he rode down Broad Street. "I was at the parade in 1980 and that was pretty exciting, but today tops it by far."

The mayor's office declined to give a crowd estimate, saying it would only be a guess.

Ben Anderson, a 25-year-old fan from Bear, Del., pleaded "Come back! Come back next year!" to the team as the players rolled by. Others chanted, "Bring back Pat," a reference to Burrell, who will be a free agent next season.

The Phillies then greeted tens of thousands of fans who had watched the parade on big screens at the city's baseball and football stadiums. The team first stopped at Lincoln Financial Field, where the Eagles play.

AP

Fans crowd the street Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, in Philadelphia, during a parade to celebrate the Philadelphia Phillies victory over the Tampa Bay Rays in the baseball World Series.

"This is the biggest parade I've ever been in," Manuel told the fans. "It's like Christmas came two months early."

The Phillies then headed to their home field of Citizens Bank Park, where a red "2008" banner was raised to celebrate their World Series championship. Manuel leaned into the microphone and giving his best Rocky impersonation: "Yo, man. We love you."

Hamels told the crowd he'd love to come back.

"One thing I can't wait to do is go down Broad Street for that parade again and again and again," Hamels said.

Second baseman Chase Utley approached the microphone and proclaimed, "World champions!" Then he repeated the phrase, with a profanity between "world" and "champions," drawing cheers for minutes. Later Friday, shirts and caps featuring Utley's phrase were offered for sale on the Internet.

Afterward, Utley said he hadn't planned to curse, which was aired live on TV and radio. "I was told I had to talk 10 minutes before I talked. Short and to the point," he said.

Police were unable to immediately say if there were any disturbances or arrests along the parade route, but fans seemed mostly well behaved. Some sprayed champagne as officers in slow-rolling, foam string-covered police cruisers high-fived parade-watchers.

Organizers couldn't have asked for better weather. The clear, sunny skies and 60-degree temperature contrasted with the miserable, frigid rain that forced an unprecedented suspension of Game 5 against the Tampa Bay Rays. The Phillies won the title on Wednesday in wintry cold.

Havertown resident Keith Goodman skipped work to bring his 7-year-old son to Citizens Bank Park.

"I don't know if we'll ever get this chance again," Goodman said. "He's been saying it's been seven long years. I say it's 25 long years."

Nick and Patricia Gavin of suburban Delaware County, who were children when they attended the 1980 parade, brought their own downtown on Friday. Jaclyn, 10, planned to dress as a Phillies ball girl for Halloween, but 8-year-old brother Nicholas was too excited about the World Series to think about trick-or-treating.

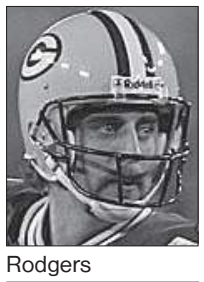
"This made me forget about Halloween," he said.

Officials stressed using public transit, but the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority reported being overwhelmed by midmorning.

The agency ended up temporarily suspending commuter rail service into Philadelphia so that trains would be available for those leaving the parade. But with the stadium ceremony running more than an hour behind schedule, SEPTA said the crush of fans would run right into Friday evening rush hour.

Packers sign QB Rodgers to contract extension

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—The Green Bay Packers made a long-term commitment to quarterback Aaron Rodgers on Friday, signing the first-year starter to a contract extension through 2014.



Rodgers

The team announced the deal after practice Friday afternoon, when Rodgers signed the paperwork. Terms were not disclosed. "It means a lot," Rodgers said. "I'm very excited knowing that my future is going to be here in Green Bay."

A former standout at California, Rodgers was the Packers' first-round pick in 2005. He then spent three years as the backup to Brett Favre.

His long-awaited opportunity to become Green Bay's starter came when Favre retired in March. Then Favre expressed a desire to return to football, making Rodgers future seem uncertain.

But when Favre finally came out of retirement after training camp started in early August, Packers management stood by its commitment to Rodgers and traded Favre, the NFL's only three-time MVP, to the New York Jets for a conditional draft pick.

"I appreciate the commitment that they've made, and I plan to reciprocate that commitment in my play and hopefully prove to them that they made the correct decision giving me this extension," Rodgers said Friday.

The 24-year-old has had a solid beginning as a pro starter.

In seven games, he has completed 65.6 percent of his passes for 1,668 yards and 12 touchdowns with only four interceptions. His passer rating is 98.8.

Rodgers has played the last three games with a sprained throwing shoulder, which he hurt in the Packers' 30-21 loss at Tampa Bay on Sept. 28.

"As we talked about in the past, we try to be proactive in our discussions with our current players, and we felt like this was an appropriate time to try to come to an agreement with Aaron," Packers general manager Ted Thompson said in a statement. "We feel like this is good for the organization and the players, and we will continue this approach as we move forward."

Rodgers said contract talks with the Packers had been ongoing the last few weeks, and he acknowledged Friday he felt an urgency to perform well from the start of the season.

"I can't say that wasn't on my mind," Rodgers said. "Just to be able to play the way I did at the start of the season I think definitely helped. But this was still a little unexpected. So, I appreciate the commitment they've made to me.

"I still had a year and a half on my deal left, but this definitely means a lot to me that they're saying I'm going to be the guy. And not just for the next two years, I'm going to be the guy for the future."

NFL BRIEFS

Larry Johnson suspended one game by NFL

NEW YORK (AP)—Chiefs running back Larry Johnson was suspended for Week 10 of the NFL season by commissioner Roger Goodell for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Johnson already was deactivated the last two weeks by Kansas City and also won't play this Sunday against Tampa Bay. He will miss the Chiefs' game at San Diego next weekend under the NFL's suspension. Johnson is not permitted on the team's premises until Nov. 10. The suspension will cost him about $147,000, or one game check. "We respect the decision of commissioner Goodell," said Carl Peterson, president of the Kansas City Chiefs. "The NFL player conduct policy sets forth a set of standards that all NFL players, coaches and staff members must abide by. Upon the completion of his suspension we sincerely hope that Larry will be ready to return to the field for the Chiefs determined to make a positive contribution to our team and, with the assistance of the people around him, turn his life around."

Cowboys' Witten questionable, misses practice

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Cowboys tight end Jason Witten still hasn't been ruled out of playing with a broken rib against the New York Giants, even after missing practice again Friday. Witten hasn't practiced this week with the Cowboys, but the team listed him as questionable for Sunday's game. The four-time Pro Bowl tight end, hurt in last week's victory over Tampa Bay, said he hopes to play. Coach Wade Phillips said Witten could play against the Giants without practicing. "He does everything right in practice, that's why he doesn't need to practice as much," Phillips said. Phillips also said Tony Romo, who will miss his third consecutive game because of the broken pinkie on his throwing hand, may resume throwing next week. The Pro Bowl quarterback is hoping to be back for the Cowboys' next game, Nov. 16 at Washington following the bye after the Giants game. Kyle Kosier had limited participation for the second day in a row while trying to come back from a foot injury, but he was listed as out of the Giants game. Running back Felix Jones (hamstring) and cornerback Terence Newman (sports hernia) also won't play.

Redskins WR Moss questionable for Monday night

ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—Washington Redskins receiver Santana Moss was unable to practice again Friday because of a strained hamstring. Moss is now a game-time decision for Monday night's matchup with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Coach Jim Zorn had been optimistic all week that Moss would play, but the receiver's third consecutive day of inactivity tempered expectations. Moss is questionable on the injury report. "Game-time decision, definitely, and it'll be based on how he feels," Zorn said. "I don't want him to go out there and play a couple of plays and go, 'Eh, it doesn't feel very good.'" Moss was injured in last week's win over Detroit, a game in which he caught a 50-yard touchdown pass and returned a punt 80 yards for a score. His 658 yards receiving rank fifth in the NFL.

Garnett lifts Celtics past Bulls

BOSTON (AP)—Kevin Garnett became the youngest player in NBA history to play 1,000 games and scored 18 points to help the Celtics get the win.

Garnett reached the 1,000-game mark at the age of 32 years, 165 days. He broke the record of 33 years, 24 days set by Shawn Kemp on Dec. 20, 2002.

Three days after their emotional championship banner-raising ceremony, the Celtics dominated from the start and led by at least 10 points throughout the final three quarters. The Bulls made only 10 of 45 shots (22.2 percent) in the first half and went 25-for-84 (29.8 percent) for the game.

Kobe Bryant is two years and three months younger and already has played 868 games. And LeBron James is already up to 393 games and won't turn 24 until Dec. 30.

"That's amazing," Boston coach Doc Rivers said of Garnett's record. "I'm assuming Kobe will break the record and LeBron will break the record, but it's nice to have."

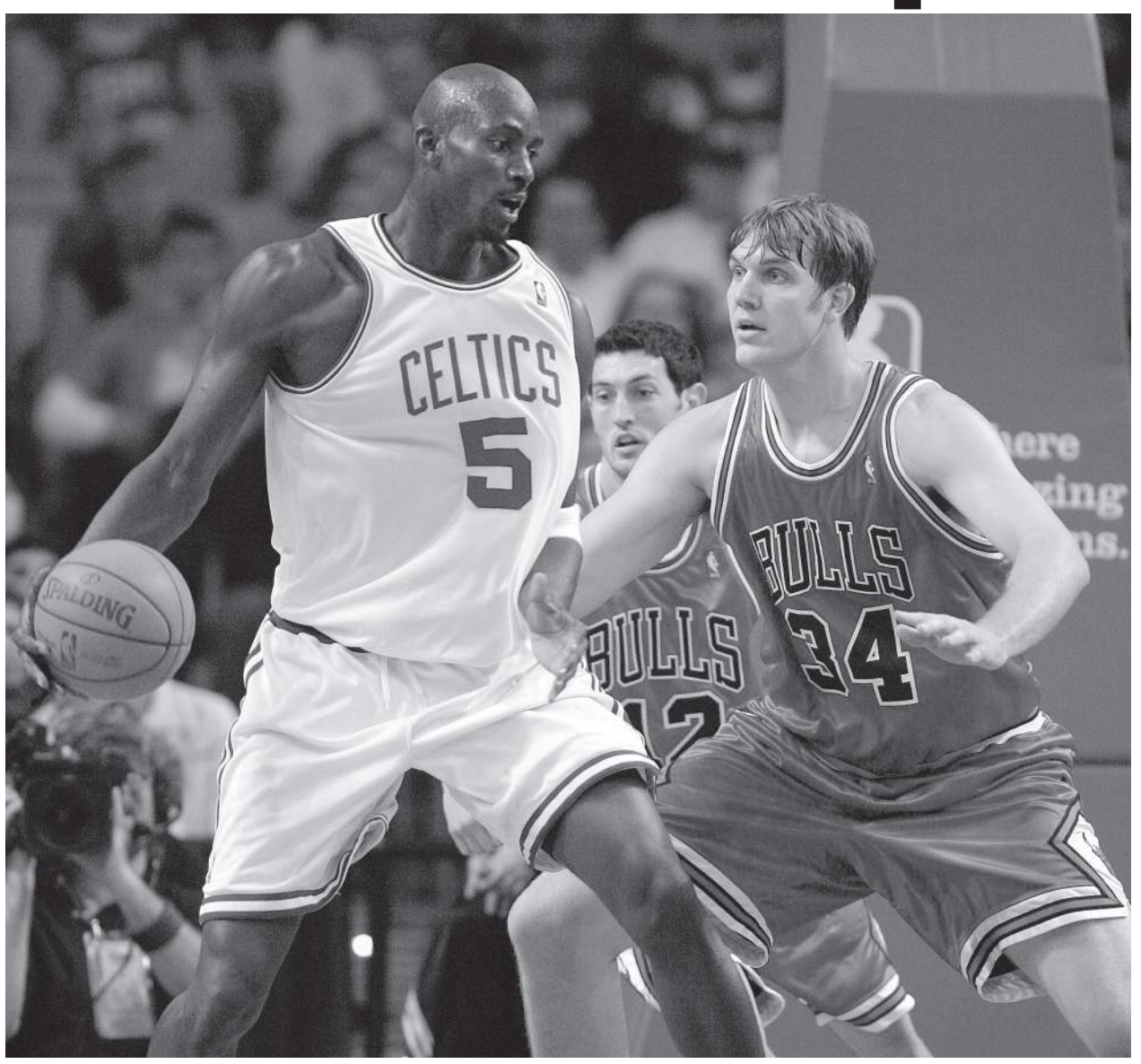
So is a 2-0 record this season after the Celtics' 17th championship banner was raised before Tuesday night's 90-85 win over James' Cleveland Cavaliers. Garnett scored just 11 points on 5-for-15 shooting in that game.

"Tonight I felt a lot more poised," he said after making 7 of 11 shots.

This one was much easier as Boston's active defense from the start held Chicago to 4-of-23 shooting in the first quarter.

"We wanted to go out and establish ourselves defensively," Paul Pierce said. "We felt like in Game 1 we didn't do that" against the Cavaliers.

Rookie point guard Derrick Rose, the top pick in the NBA draft, led the Bulls with 18 points and made six of their 25 field goals.



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Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett (5) looks to move on Chicago Bulls' Aaron Gray (34) in the second quarter of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, in Boston.

Heat 103, Kings 77

In Miami, Dwyane Wade had 20 points and eight assists, Michael Beasley finished with 17 and the Miami Heat scored a whopping 41 points off turnovers to easily beat the Sacramento Kings 103-77 in their home opener Friday night.

It was the biggest victory margin for Miami (1-1) since it beat Chicago by 33 points on March 7, 2007, and already, the Heat have gotten to a place last year's club never saw: the .500 mark. The 26-point win also matched the largest in a Miami home opener.

The Heat made it look easy.

A 39-13 run over the middle two quarters turned it into a rout for Miami, which gave up 60 points in each half at New York on Wednesday.

Udonis Haslem scored 14 points for the Heat. Shawn Marion finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and like Wade, they both sat out the entire fourth quarter. Daequan Cook scored 13 points and Mark Blount added 10.

Grizzlies 86, Magic 84

In Memphis, Tennessee, Rudy Gay hit an 18-foot jumper as time expired to give Memphis the win.

Gay scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Grizzlies to their first win in a home opener since moving to Memphis before the 2001-02 season.

Rookie O.J. Mayo had 17 points and six rebounds for the Grizzlies.

Rashard Lewis led the Magic with 23 points, and Hedo Turkoglu finished with 18 and seven assists. Dwight Howard had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Raptors 112, Warriors 108, OT

In Toronto, Chris Bosh scored 31 points, Anthony Parker had 23 and Toronto beat Golden State.

Andrea Bargnani had 19 points off the bench for Toronto (2-0), while Jose Calderon had 16 points and 13 assists. Jamario Moon added 11 for the Raptors.

Al Harrington led Golden State (0-2) with 26 points, adding 11 rebounds, while Stephen Jackson finished with 19 points. Andris Biedrins had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Warriors.

Corey Maggette, who led Golden State with 27 points in a season-opening loss to New Orleans, was held to 14, while Kelenna Azubuike came off the bench to score 15.

76ers 116, Knicks 87

In Philadelphia, Elton Brand had 24 points and 14 rebounds and Andre Miller added 20 points and eight assists to lead Philadelphia.

Willie Green added 18 points on 8-for-9 shooting for Philadelphia (1-1), which shot 59.1 percent (52-for-88) from the field and led all the way. Lou Williams added 15 points and Thaddeus Young had 13 for the 76ers.

Tar Heels the first unanimous preseason No. 1

NORTH CAROLINA (AP)—As if there weren't enough expectations for North Carolina this season, they just got bigger.

Not only are the Tar Heels No. 1 in The Associated Press' preseason Top 25, they are the first unanimous No. 1 since the preseason poll began in 1981-82.

North Carolina has the top six scorers - including national player of the year Tyler Hansbrough - back from a team that had a school-record 36 wins and reached the Final Four.

The Tar Heels, No. 1 in the final poll last season, are the preseason No. 1 for the second straight year, joining UNLV in 1989-90 and 1990-91 as the only schools to do that. It also marks North Carolina's record sixth time atop the preseason rankings, breaking a tie with Duke.

"We have a really good group of kids who are working very hard to get ready for a challenging season," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "They've worked so hard because they know they have to prove it on the court. No one gives you any awards for preseason rankings. Our guys know these lofty rankings are a result of what they have done in the past and what people think could probably happen this year. But we have to earn everything out there on the floor."

The Tar Heels faced their first test Thursday when Hansbrough was found to have a stress reaction in his right shin. He will be held out of practice indefinitely, and no timetable was set for his return.

The preseason poll turned out to be quite a prognosticator last season when the top four teams in the early rankings—North Carolina, UCLA, Memphis and Kansas - all reached the Final Four, with Kansas winning it all in San Antonio.

Connecticut, which returns four starters, was No. 2 this preseason, followed by Louisville, UCLA and Pittsburgh.

"It is obviously a nice honor, one that I am not sure we are quite deserving of at this point but certainly something we hope to develop into as the season moves on," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said Friday. "We have three of the top players in our league and in the nation, very accomplished and experienced players in A.J. (Price), Hasheem (Thabeet) and Jeff (Adrien), and I think that is a big reason that people see us as one of the top teams in the country at this point."

Connecticut, Louisville and Pittsburgh give the Big East three teams in the top five, and there are a record-tying seven from the conference overall in the Top 25.

The 16-team Big East, which also has No. 9 Notre Dame, No. 16 Marquette, No. 22 Georgetown and No. 23 Villanova in the Top 25, has seven teams ranked for the second time. The Big Ten has done it five times and the Atlantic Coast Conference four.

"The Big East this season will be as tough a conference as any has ever been," Calhoun said. "There are so many teams capable of winning the league, making the NCAA tournament and winning a lot of games. It will be great for folks to watch, although it might not be as much fun to coach. One thing for sure is that when we get to March, we will all be tested and ready to compete at a high level."

Michigan State, Texas, Duke, Notre Dame and Gonzaga rounded out the top ten.

Purdue was 11th followed by Oklahoma, Memphis, Tennessee, Arizona State, Marquette, Miami, Southern California, Florida and Davidson.

The last five teams were Wake Forest, Georgetown, Villanova, Kansas and Wisconsin.

Duval surges into contention in Florida

PALM COAST, Fla. (AP)—David Duval hasn't played in the windy, wet conditions since the British Open this summer. Just like then, he managed to work himself into contention at the Ginn sur Merr Classic on Friday.

Winless in seven years, laboring at No. 233 on the money list and playing his final PGA Tour event of the year, Duval put together a strong round of 3-under 69 at the Ginn Ocean Hammock Resort that left him only two shots behind Ryan Palmer going into the weekend.

Palmer missed only one green on the back nine for a 71, putting him at 6-under 138.

Robert Allenby, at No. 30 the highest-ranked player at this Fall Series event, had a 71 and was one shot out of the lead along with Peter Lonard (69), rookie Michael Letzig (74) and Ken Duke (69).

Duval, who has made only four cuts in his 19 starts on the PGA Tour this year, had three birdies and an eagle during a six-hole stretch on the front nine, which he capped off by chipping in on the par-5 ninth. He recovered from a bogey on the 11th with a birdie at No. 14, and finished with his seventh round in the 60s in his last 10 rounds on tour.

His best finish this year was a tie for 22nd at the Viking Classic, but he really showed glimpses of form at Royal Birkdale. Duval was three shots out of the lead, until a rough start sent him to an 83 in the third round.

Maybe that's why he's not reading too much into his 36-hole start.

"I'm not thinking (about contending), not at this point," Duval said. "And I won't tomorrow. Those feelings come back when you get to the back nine Sunday and you have a chance."

He loves this kind of weather, though. It was blustery when he captured the British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes in 2001, and it was the same at The Players Championship and the Mercedes Championship at Kapalua, two of his victories in 1999.

"I've always enjoyed that kind of stuff," Duval said. "What it does is makes you pay attention to hitting the golf ball solidly and that's what's most important."

Even if he doesn't win, Duval can play next year through an exemption for career money.

Palmer is not that fortunate. He is 143rd on the money list, and only the top 125 keep their cards. The final tour event is next week at Disney, where Palmer earned his lone PGA Tour victory.

Kaipat leads CPA to victory over POI

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Right fielder Byron Kaipat had seven RBIs and three homeruns, including the game winning round-tripper that lifted Commonwealth Ports Authority to a 10-8 victory over POI on Thursday night in the Budweiser Inter-Government/Business League at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

CPA slowly erased a 1-6 deficit after three-and-a-half innings with a run by Mark Toves and Kaipat's first HR of the night in the bottom third, then another runs by Bill Camacho and Adrian Mendiola in the fourth.

Then, Toves scored anew and Kaipat hit his second homer in the fifth as CPA took the lead for the first time at 7-6.

Although, POI regained the lead, 8-7, with runs by Chris Sablan and Bruce Laniyo at the top of sixth, CPA's reliever Ed Mendiola made sure no batter reached the first base at the top of seventh.

Then, Ryan Sablan singled and Mel Manahane doubled before Kaipat hit his third HR of the night that finished off POI.

In the first game, Department of Lands and Natural Resources pulled off a 12-11 win over Division of Environmental Quality/Coastal Resources Management.

DLNR overcame a slow start as DEQ/CRM Regulators took a 6-2 lead after two-and-a-half innings but collapsed in defense, as DLNR rallied with four runs at the bottom third to tie the game at 6-all.

Philip Babauta posted his second RBI of the night, while Ray Sablan and Alvin Iglesias scored their first runs, and Esang Olkeriil his second to give DLNR a 9-6 lead in the fourth.

Then the Regulators went in front anew, 11-6, after a five-run explosion behind runners Ed Manibusan, Shawn Masga, JP Flores, Loy Atalig, and Jacob Lizama at the top of seventh and final inning.

But DLNR rallied back with three runs by Gregg Reyes, Peter Teigita, and Paul Lisua at the bottom seventh to join the early leaders in the 20-team field men's division.

SaipanCell also debuted with an impressive win against its rival by issuing a 14-1 abbreviated victory against Mayor's Office.

Five of SaipanCell's first six batters reached home plate right at the top of the first inning and eight of its 10 batters in the second also scored runs for a 13-0 lead that was capped by a three-run homerun by Marino Hiroichi.

Payton Sakuma finished with three runs, Leo Bobai and J.P. Sablan had two each and Gloyd Martin had three RBIs and two runs.

Roman Torres gave Mayor's Office its lone run in the third, while Sakuma scored his third run of the night on a base hit by Martin in the fourth. SaipanCell pitcher Leo Bobai grounded out the first three batters of SaipanCell at the bottom fourth for the outright victory due to 10-run rule.

Whisperings Palms/Brilliant Star, GTC gain second win

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The boys team of Whispering Palms/Brilliant Start and girls squad of the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School claimed their second win in the Inaugural 2008 NMIFA U12 Interscholastic Football League.

Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star collided with Saipan International School at the Garapan Elementary School Field Wednesday with the former shutting out the Geckos, 3-0.

Harrison Hill made a pair of goals for Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star, while Kenyon Schultz added one to give their team and coach Brenda Schultz their second win in as many games.

Whispering Palms debuted against GTC last week and escaped with a 2-1 victory over the Deer.

Hill also scored in Whispering Palms' win over GTC, making a goal in the first half off a Kenyon Schultz's miss. Kennedy Isuka drilled the other goal for Whispering Palms in the second half.

With its 2-0 record, Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star is at the top of the team standings in the Northern Group, which also include Tanapag Elementary School, Garapan, Kagman, and Eucon International School.

The girls team of GTC also improved to a 2-0 record after beating Eucon International School, 2-0. Chelsea Leskosek made both goals for GTC in the second half.

GTC's win in the girls' division prevented Eucon from sweeping the two matches played at the Deer's home field.

Eucon won the boys' division game, 1-0, on a David Park goal in the first half.

The inaugural U12 league has 17 teams competing for the championship. The participating teams are divided into two divisions.

Games in the U12 league are usually played every Wednesday with the girls' division match starting at 3:15pm. Game time for the boys' division is at 4pm. But schedules are subject for changes depending on the availability of the schools.

The U12 league will have a single round-robin format in the regular season with the top two teams in each division moving into the playoffs.

Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star's Kenyon Schultz in action against two GTC defenders during their debut in the U12 league last week at the GTC Field. Schultz made a goal in Whispering Palms/Brilliant Star's 3-0 win over Saipan International School Wednesday at the Garapan Elementary School Field.

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cially baseball. Development of more football pitch is extremely important to our long-term program for football," Tan said.

NMIFA is using school fields for its U12 league. Three years ago when the association was just starting, games were mostly held at the American Memorial Park.

When CNMI hosted Guam for the EAFF qualifier, the match was played at the Oleai Sports Complex, which houses the track and field facility.

With NMIFA now a part of EAFF, Tan said they are expecting to start enjoying the benefits given to full members next year.

"As a full member of EAFF, we are now asking for more technical assistance in terms of coaching and refereeing clinics. Since football is still new here, we must give equal weight in developing coaches and referees in addition to developing players. Clinics and workshops will be very important for NMIFA in 2009, we can have our volunteers trained and get certified," Tan said.

The NMIFA president is thankful to the community for supporting the association since its inception three years ago and for helping NMIFA secure a full membership status from EAFF.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for supporting NMIFA for the past three years. Under difficult economic times, our job to develop a new sport becomes even more challenging. We are very grateful to all the support that we have received from both the private and public sectors, especially the hundreds of volunteers who spent personal time to support our program as coaches and referees, and national players," Tan said.

"NMIFA is committed to continue the development of football in the CNMI so our players will be given opportunities to compete both locally and internationally, and be part of the most popular sports in the world. I hope we can count on continuing support and assistance from everyone as we take NMIFA to the next level," he added.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	0	1.000	–
Toronto	2	0	1.000	–
New Jersey	1	0	1.000	1/2
New York	1	1	.500	1
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1

Southeast Division

Atlanta	1	0	1.000	–
Miami	1	1	.500	1/2
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1
Orlando	0	2	.000	1 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	1	0	1.000	–
Chicago	1	1	.500	1/2
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1/2
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	1/2
Indiana	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	2	0	1.000	–
New Orleans	2	0	1.000	–
Memphis	1	1	.500	1
Dallas	0	1	.000	1 1/2
San Antonio	0	2	.000	2

Northwest Division

Minnesota	1	0	1.000	–
Utah	1	0	1.000	–
Denver	1	1	.500	1/2
Portland	1	1	.500	1/2
Oklahoma City	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	2	0	1.000	–
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1
Golden State	0	2	.000	2
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	2
Sacramento	0	2	.000	2

Yesterday's Games
Philadelphia 116, New York 87
Toronto 112, Golden State 108, OT
Miami 103, Sacramento 77
Memphis 86, Orlando 84
Boston 96, Chicago 80
Denver 113, L.A. Clippers 103, OT
Portland 100, San Antonio 99

GINN SUR MER CLASSIC SCORES

PALM COAST, Florida (AP)–Scores Friday from the Ginn sur Mer Classic, a $4.6 million (3.5 million euros) U.S. PGA Tour event at 7,663-yard, par-72 Conservatory course at Ginn Hammock Beach Resort.

Note: Play suspended due to darkness with five players still on the course. The round will be completed Saturday morning.

PARTIAL SECOND ROUND

Ryan Palmer	67-71	138
Peter Lonard	70-69	139
Ken Duke	70-69	139
Robert Allenby	68-71	139
Michael Letzig	65-74	139
David Duval	71-69	140
John Huston	70-70	140
Bob Tway	70-71	141
Chris Stroud	69-72	141
Nicholas Thompson	71-70	141
Steve Lowery	70-71	141
Cameron Beckman	68-73	141
Michael Allen	71-71	142
Kent Jones	65-77	142
Bob Estes	75-67	142
George McNeill	71-71	142
Brian Gay	72-70	142
Nick O'Hern	69-73	142
Chip Deason	71-71	142
Carl Pettersson	72-70	142
Marco Dawson	71-71	142
Gavin Coles	71-71	142
Jerry Kelly	71-72	143
Steve Marino	72-71	143
Tim Petrovic	71-72	143
Jason Dufner	70-73	143
Jeff Gove	70-73	143
Jesper Parnevik	73-70	143
Olin Browne	72-71	143
J.J. Henry	71-72	143
Vaughn Taylor	69-74	143
Mathias Gronberg	69-74	143
Chad Collins	74-69	143
Matt Jones	70-74	144
Tom Scherrer	68-76	144
Mark Wilson	73-71	144
Jason Gore	71-73	144
Chris DiMarco	72-72	144
Jeff Overton	71-73	144
Brett Rumford	72-72	144
Todd Demsey	72-72	144
Y.E. Yang	73-71	144
Will MacKenzie	75-70	145
Troy Matteson	71-74	145
Jeff Maggert	73-72	145
Joe Durant	72-73	145
John Rollins	74-71	145
Omar Uresti	73-72	145
Alejandro Canizares	72-73	145
Lee Janzen	70-75	145
John Riegger	73-72	145
Todd Hamilton	71-74	145
J.B. Holmes	73-72	145
Kevin Stadler	73-72	145
Michael Sim	72-73	145
Briny Baird	74-72	146
Robert Garrigus	70-76	146
J.P. Hayes	74-72	146
Greg Kraft	72-74	146
Tim Wilkinson	74-72	146
Billy Andrade	75-71	146
Brett Quigley	73-73	146
Brian Davis	74-72	146
Kyle Thompson	70-76	146
David Lutterus	74-72	146
Robert Gamez	72-74	146
Matt Kuchar	71-75	146
Eric Axley	71-75	146
Frank Lickliter II	72-74	146
Bob Heintz	72-74	146
Justin Bolli	72-74	146
Jim McGovern	74-73	147
Dicky Pride	72-75	147
Rich Beem	73-74	147
Andrew Buckle	72-75	147
Ron Whittaker	72-75	147
Doug LaBelle II	72-75	147
James Driscoll	68-79	147
Grant Waite	73-74	147
Glen Day	72-75	147
Davis Love III	75-72	147
Craig Kanada	77-70	147
Michael Bradley	72-76	148
Tim Clark	72-76	148
Bobby Clampett	71-77	148
Brenden Pappas	73-75	148
Zach Johnson	73-75	148
Charles Howell III	77-71	148
Scott Sterling	75-73	148
Cody Freeman	74-74	148
Bo Van Pelt	70-79	149
Jay Williamson	72-77	149
Brad Elder	72-77	149
Bob Sowards	70-79	149
Jin Park	76-73	149
Nick Flanagan	73-76	149
John Mallinger	77-72	149
Marc Turnesa	74-75	149
Brad Faxon	71-78	149
Nathan Green	81-69	150
Heath Slocum	75-75	150
Patrick Sheehan	74-76	150
Richard Johnson	73-77	150
Chris Riley	75-75	150
Ryan Armour	74-76	150
Mark Hensby	78-72	150
Charles Warren	74-77	151
Richard S. Johnson	74-77	151
Carlos Franco	76-75	151
Jimmy Walker	73-78	151
Brad Hauer	75-76	151
Brad Adamonis	75-77	152
Tag Ridings	76-76	152
Jason Bohn	76-76	152
Jason Allred	80-72	152
Wesley Graham	73-80	153
John Merrick	75-78	153
Jason Day	77-76	153
Jon Mills	77-76	153
Matthew Kohn	75-79	154
Ted Purdy	77-77	154
Cliff Kresg	76-79	155
Harrison Frazar	76-79	155
Alex Cejka	78-78	156
Tommy Gainey	77-80	157
Steve Allan	75-82	157
Daniel Chopra	81-79	160

DID NOT FINISH

Martin Laird	72
Kenneth Ferrie	70
Rod Perry	70
Paul Claxton	74
Travis Perkins	78

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LOCAL SCORES

Beach Volleyball Standings

Acme Roofing	8	0
Enyonphace	7	1
MHS Peers	6	2
Karakuchi	6	3
Kimoichi	5	3
Thai One On	5	4
Off Twice	4	5
MHS Oakies	4	4
MHS Serves Up	1	7
Champ-on	1	8
MHS 67 Doh-Fins	0	8

Budweiser Softball Standings

Men's Division

DCCA	1	0
Freedom Air	1	0
DLNR	1	0
Legislature	1	0
Joeten Motors	1	0
P & S	1	0
CPA	1	0
Saipan Cell	1	0
PIC	0	1
DEQ/CRM	0	1
CUC	0	1
Customs	0	1
No Zone	0	1
Mayors	0	1
POI	0	1
PSS	0	1
Hopwood	0	0
Beach Boys	0	0
CHC	0	0
Law & Order	0	0

Women's Division

NMC	1	0
CHC	0	0
Finance	0	0
CUC	0	0

Garnett lifts Celtics past Bulls

Kevin Garnett became the youngest player in NBA history to play 1,000 games and scored 18 points to help the Celtics get the win.

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Fans roar as Phillies parade through city

Manager Charlie Manuel hoisted the World Series trophy Friday while players basked in a swarm of confetti.

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NMIFA vows to strengthen program

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The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is not resting on its laurels after getting a full membership status from the East Asian Football Association.

"We are very happy with all the positive development in CNMI football. EAFF's granting of full membership to NMIFA is a huge step towards our application to AFC (Asian Football Confederation). I am very sure that AFC views this development very positively. But there are still much do be done," said NMIFA president Jerry Tan, who along with vice president Sue Knecht was in Tokyo, Japan last month to witness a historic mark for CNMI football.

"Full membership comes with opportunities as well as responsibilities. NMIFA will continue to develop football program in the CNMI in all levels, especially the club system and interscholastic competition," Tan said.

The NMIFA president said to do this, they need to register more players every year, as it is their mission to spread football to everyone concern in the CNMI.

"We look at football as more than just another sport. It is a healthy lifestyle, too," Tan added.

Tan said besides getting many people involved in the sports every year, another concern for NMIFA is facility

"Another big challenge that NMIFA constantly face is lack of football pitch, as we have to share facility with other sports, espe-

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The CNMI's Mark McDonald, right, collides with Guam players during the EAFF qualifier on Saipan last year at the Oleai Sports Complex field.

Playoffs cast in beach volleyball league virtually complete

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MHS Peers, MHS Oakies, Karakuchi, and Thai One On fashioned out contrasting wins on Thursday night as the round-robin phase of the Miller Lite Four-Person Beach Volleyball tournament nears its end at the Pacific Islands Club sand court.

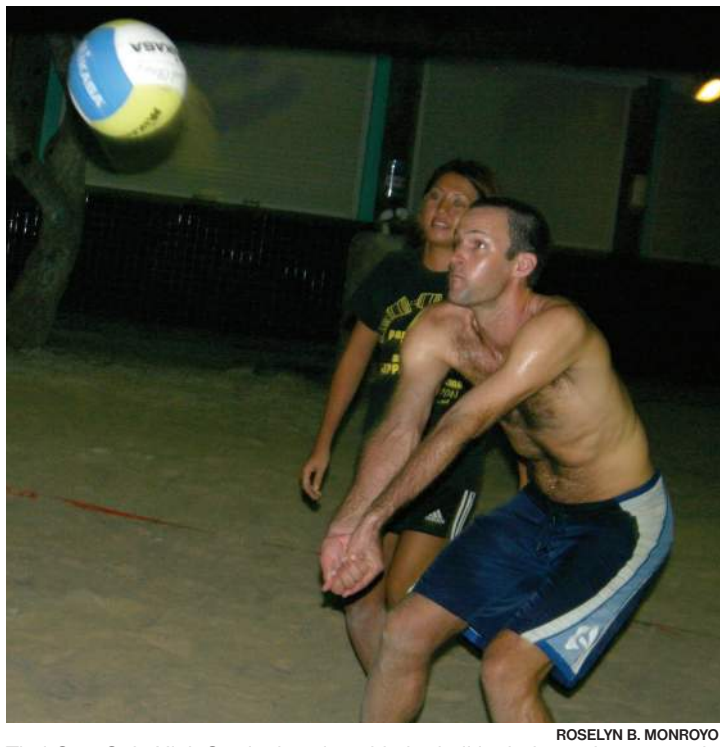
The Peers easily won over favorite whipping team MHS 67 Doh-Fins, 21-14, 21-6, 25-24, and secured their hold of third place with a 6-2 win-loss record.

The Doh-Fins remained winless after eight games and are now out in the running for a playoff berth along with MHS Serves Up, and Champ-on.

Only the top eight teams after the elimination round will advance to the playoffs.

With two playing dates left before the playoffs, the cast are now virtually complete with Acme Roofing leading the race with a clean 8-0 record. The other qualifiers are Enyophace second with 7-1, MHS Peers third (6-2), Karakuchi (6-3), Kimoichi (5-3), Thai One On (5-4), Off Twice (4-5), and MHS Oakies (4-4).

MHS Serves Up is in ninth place with a 1-7 record, followed by Champ-on (1-8) and MHS 67 Doh-Fins (0-8).



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Thai One On's Nick Swaim bends to hit the ball in their previous game in the 4-person beach volleyball league at the PIC sand court.

The Oakies defeated MHS Serves Up in three sets, 21-10, 21-14, 21-15.

Karakuchi prevailed over Kimoichi, 21-15, 21-23, 21-10. In the fourth game, Thai One On bounced back with a 21-9, 21-14, 21-10 victory over Champ-on.

Acme Roofing will seek its ninth win against Serves Up in the penultimate day of eliminations on Tuesday night, Nov. 4. The game will be played at 6:30pm.

Before the Acme Roofing-MHS Serves Up tiff, the first game will have Champ-on battling Doh-Fins at 5:30pm, while the MHS Peers will take on the MHS Oakies at 7:30pm, and Karakuchi will duel Thai One On at 8:30pm.

In the final day of the elimination round on Nov. 6, Acme Roofing and MHS Peers will meet in the nightcap at 8:30pm, while Champ-on will face Doh-Fins at 5:30pm. Off Twice will collide with Serves Up at 6:30pm and Enyophace will square off with MHS Oakies at 7:30pm.

OFF THE BENCH

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A night to remember

Sports have provided me with a lifetime of wonderful memories as a fan, spectator, parent, player, coach, and administrator. One of them was on May 20, 1996 at a packed Paseo Stadium on Guam.

The Mobil Games Baseball Championship pitted the CNMI against Guam. Tempers flared and tensions were high, especially after the two teams played in an earlier tournament game that was fueled by fireballer Chris Nelson who nailed, I think, three Guam batters with his 90mph heater. I'm sure Guam thought he did that on purpose, but he hit a lot of batters in his career.

A Guam runner slammed viciously into catcher Larry Guerrero who nonetheless held onto the ball, got up without saying anything and simply handed the ball to the umpire, thus diffusing what could have been an explosive situation with quiet sportsmanship.

Larry's father Lorenzo was in the grandstand above the dugout, leading a vocal Saipan contingent who flew down for the game. The late Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero was CNMI governor at that time. In 1958 he had been on the first team from Saipan to play baseball in Guam, a game won by Saipan, 5-3.

As president of the Saipan Major League, I had a vested interest in the outcome of what essentially was Micronesia's baseball championship. I was confident of our hand-picked team but somehow we lost to Guam, 14-13, in a wild extra-inning game during round robin play. When the rematch came in the finale, I knew our team was ready but never thought it would turn out the way it did.

It was a rare game where every player was "in the zone." All CNMI batters in the starting lineup had at least one run and one run batted in. I dare you to find another example of that happening. And we scored in every inning too.

The CNMI was leading 27-3 after seven innings. Our batters were so hot, we could have scored more except the umpires unexpectedly called off the game which was curious because there was no mercy rule in effect. The Guam manager wanted to play but the men in blue simply walked off the field. They wanted to go home. I had never seen that.

Here's something Saipan people can relate to: the power went off in the stadium several times during the game, adding to the, huh, electric atmosphere.

After Nellie shut down Guam in the top of the first inning, Pete Roberto led off the bottom of the first with a single and that opened the floodgates. Mike "Rock" Guerrero came thru with a clutch two-out two run single to cap a four run rally. The blowout was on.

Roberto scored five times. Nick "Nasty" Guerrero, Greg C. Camacho, Larry Guerrero, Tony Camacho, and Ron Benavente each scored three runs. Roberto and the Guerrero brothers, Nick and Mike, each had four hits. Inoske Yamada and Steve Coleman each had three hits. Rock had four runs batted in. Tony Camacho clubbed a home run over the right field wall.

Guam tried six different pitchers and none of them could handle the Saipan boys. Meanwhile, Nelson allowed just four hits and one earned run.

Beating Guam by such a lopsided score on their own field was an unforgettable personal highlight. And then to cap it off, I won the grand prize in the raffle, a ticket anywhere Air Micronesia flew. Yeah, I was flying high that night.